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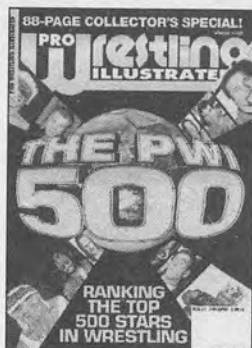
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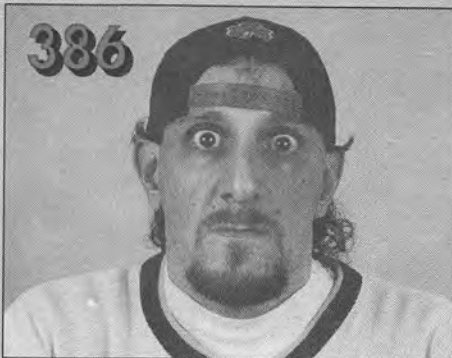
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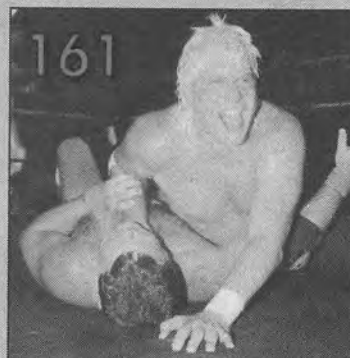
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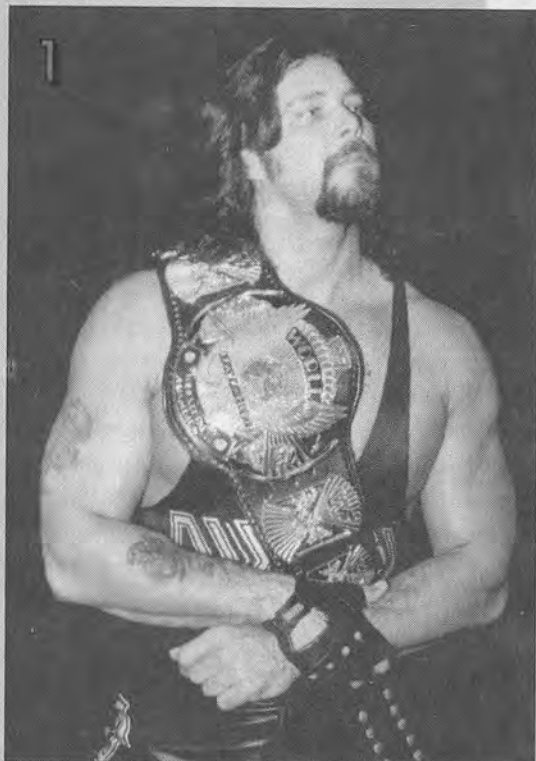
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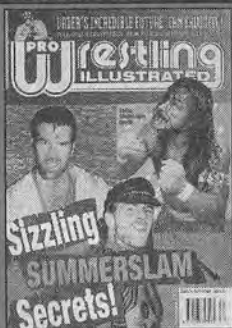
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SECRETS OF SUMMERSLAM



Our November 1995 cover story dealt with some of the things you may not have known about SummerSlam '95—things such as Hakushi and Shinja's proposal to bring Sabu to the WWF to wrestle Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels' refusal to team with Diesel. Our readers had interesting reactions to the story.

"It didn't surprise me to hear that Shawn had no interest in teaming with Diesel," wrote reader Jack Brisbois of Wheeling, West Virginia. "Shawn hasn't changed at all. He still wants the spotlight all to himself. He knew if he teamed with Diesel, the fans might be cheering for someone other than him!"

"I always like reading inside stories on pay-per-views," wrote reader Shaun Gossett of Lima, Ohio. "I can't believe Brutus Beefcake practically begged the WWF to bring him back for SummerSlam. I'm glad they didn't give in."

"Great story," wrote Tommy Radison of Green Bay, Wisconsin. "But I'm sick of reading rumors about Sabu negotiating with the WWF and WCW. It's time he signed with one of them. Could you imagine seeing Sabu against Shawn Michaels or Bret Hart. Talk about your ultimate dream matches. They'd be fantastic!"



It's not often that you see a rulebreaker shaking a referee's hand. Waylon Mercy does it a lot, though. Reader Charles H. Hall thinks Mercy deserves our respect.

HAVE MERCY!

Ever since Waylon Mercy made his WWF debut this summer, I have noticed that he always greets the fans when he walks to the ring and says, "Thank you for coming to see me wrestle." Then he enters the ring, shakes the hand of his opponent, and wishes him good luck. While Waylon is doing this, I hear broadcasters like Gorilla Monsoon whining about how he wouldn't even trust Mercy to

take out his garbage. Why?

I did notice that once the bell rings, Waylon gets down to no-nonsense wrestling. I also noticed he often backs off when his opponent is caught in the ropes and doesn't always take advantage of his opponent when he is tied up in the ropes. Sometimes he wrestles with no "mercy," but he can't constantly give opponents breathers if he expects to beat them. When he wins his matches, he always shakes

the referee's hand and thanks the fans. While he is doing this, Monsoon still whines about how Mercy is disturbed. The way I see it, Mercy is as good a role model as most fan favorites. He plays by the rules as much as they do.

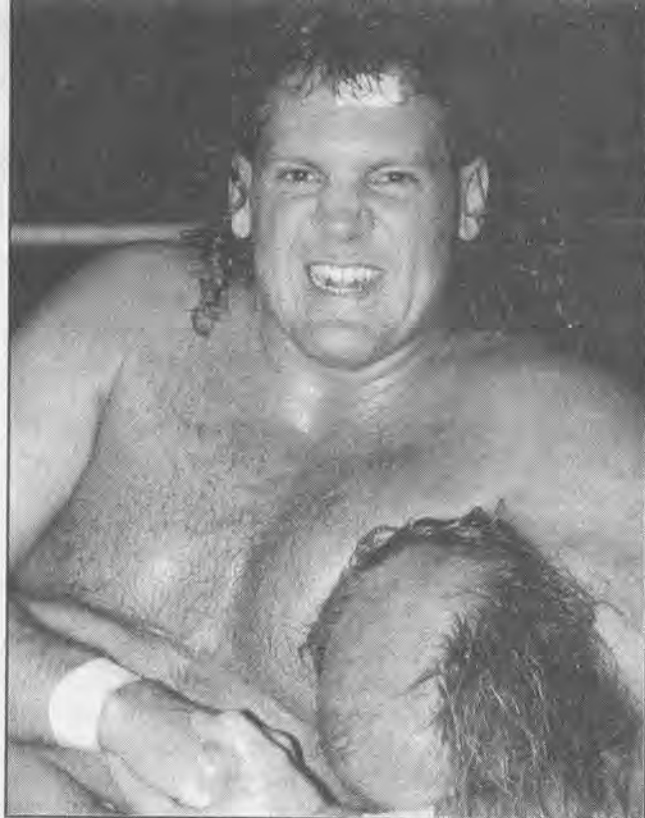
CHARLES H. HALL III
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ARN ON HIS OWN

I felt so bad for Arn Anderson when I was watching Clash of the Champions back in August. Here is a man who is such a professional, a man who has been such a great wrestler for so many years and such a great and loyal friend to Ric Flair, and he was getting destroyed by a very angry Big Van Vader.

What made me sick was the fact that Flair was his partner in that handicap match and showed no interest in helping Arn beat Vader. What's worse is he was disgusted when Arn got pinned. How could anyone do that to a friend? I hope that proved to everyone once and for all that all Ric Flair cares about is himself. Arn has been by his side for years, and Flair repays him like that?!

It's definitely time for



Smoky Mountain's Tracey Smothers has been breaking rules against a lot of the USWA's best wrestlers. "PWI Hotline" caller Susan Wakefield has lost all regard for him.

Anderson to stop being such a team player and go out on his own. I hope he becomes a fan favorite for good now that he has had a falling-out with the "Nature Boy." I hope he makes Flair pay for crossing him. He doesn't need that no-good jerk anymore!

THOMAS HARRAH
Toledo, OH

DISGRACE IN DIXIE

I attend a lot of independent cards in Tennessee and Kentucky, and I follow both Smoky Mountain and the USWA on a regular basis. I can't believe these two promotions are at war. They're both great, and they should share talent and work together, not waste time trying to prove who's better. Now even matchmakers like the USWA's Randy Hales

and referees like SMW's Mark Curtis are wrestling each other.

One guy I thought would never get involved in all this was Tracey Smothers. I always figured he was the consummate Southern gentleman. I never figured he'd stoop so low as to turn rulebreaker and go after the fan favorites in the USWA. That's exactly what he's doing now. In SMW, he says he hates Jim Cornette and all the members of his Militia, yet he teams with them in USWA matches. What a hypocrite! I used to think the world of Tracey. Now I just think he's a disgrace!

SUSAN WAKEFIELD
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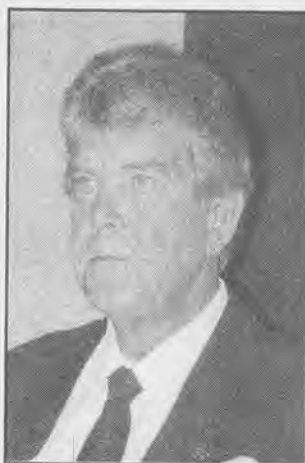
Unlike many of you, I was very sad to hear of the

retirement of WWF President Jack Tunney. Many criticized him—you guys at PWI practically fried him—yet he still did the best job anyone could hope to do as president of a major federation.

It was pure genius to call for two WWF World title matches at WrestleMania X after Lex Luger and Bret Hart co-won the 1994 Royal Rumble. I'm sure Nick Bockwinkel wouldn't have done that in WCW, especially with Hulk Hogan as World champion. Or how about declaring the World title vacant after Ted DiBiase tried to buy it from Andre the Giant? Only a great leader like Tunney could stage a 16-man tournament for the vacant title in such spectacular fashion. Jack Tunney was a visionary. He knew what the fans wanted to see and tried to make each match exciting. So long, Jack, you've earned a rest.

BRIAN MCGREW
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Not many WWF fans were heartbroken when they heard Jack Tunney retired as WWF president. Reader Brian McGrew says Tunney always thought of the fans when he made decisions.

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RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Wrestling has finally decided that it does want **Sabu**, but does Sabu want WCW? A deal was cut in mid-August that set the stage for the high-flying Bombay, India, native to enter the federation, but at press time, his handlers were not too sure Sabu was going to stay around for the long haul.

"Unless certain demands are met, Mr. Sabu may

go elsewhere," said Sabu interpreter **Admahr Harrah**. "The money must be right, and there must be some sign that he will get a chance to wrestle for a championship within a few months. Mr. Sabu is very anxious to compete against **Mr. Alex Wright**, a man whose aerial skills are very much admired by him."

I hope Sabu does decide to stick with WCW. I'd love to see him wrestle **Brian Pillman**, **Sting**, ... maybe even **Hulk Hogan**.

You've got to hand it to **Gen. Jim Cornette**. He said he would make **The Heavenly Bodies** champions again, and he has done it twice! Through Cornette's guidance (let's be honest and call it what it is, interference), **Jimmy Del Ray** and **Tom Prichard** have captured both the Smoky Mountain and USWA tag team belts.

"I pulled 'em out of the WWF, where they were being ignored and treated like garbage by matchmakers, and retrained their minds," Cornette told me. "Now I've got it all, two titles from my Bodies, and the

World tag team belts held by the team that I personally designed for success, **Owen Hart** and **Yokozuna**!" On the down side, **Buddy Landell** has fired Cornette. Landell was facing **Brad Armstrong** for the held-up SMW heavyweight title on August 12, and due to Cornette's interference backfiring, Brad pinned Landell and won the belt.

"I told him a hundred times to stay out of the ring and not interfere!" exclaimed Landell. "He wouldn't listen to me, and now my title is gone. He'll pay for this!" Landell has become a fan favorite and says that his sole purpose in wrestling will be to "wipe out Cornette and his entire **Militia**."

Long blond hair, blue eyes, golden skin ... **Pamela Anderson**, you say? ... I wish! No, I'm talking about **Gold Dust**, **Dustin Rhodes'** new persona in the WWF. I never imagined Dustin's career going in this direction. I don't like it one bit! ... **The Great Muta** once again proved just how great he truly is, this time by cleanly pinning **Ric Flair** in Japan. Muta has also been teaming with **Sting** in Japan, and get this: They're signed to wrestle each other on an upcoming card in Yokohama ... After winning a PWF battle royal against heavyweights



After honing his talents in independents and Japan for five years, Sabu has made a commitment to WCW ... sort of. He agreed to wrestle one match—against Alex Wright—then make a decision about a long-term deal.

Gen. Jim Cornette (below) got too overzealous with his tennis racket for Buddy Landell's tastes (right). After Cornette's interference in a Landell-Brad Armstrong bout backfired, Landell dumped his manager.



Morton told me in a telephone interview. "Then they released me. The problem did not involve Smoky, just my girlfriend and Tracey's. I guess Smoky didn't like the fact that I did not abide by their wishes, so I'm out. I

Savage as the next member of his **Dungeon of Doom**.

"The planets are in place, and the aura surrounding Randy Savage's hatred of Hulk Hogan is
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and utilizing the interference of **Italian Stallion** to pin **George South** a few days later, midget wrestler **Farmer Pete** has challenged **Madd Maxxine** to a match. Maxxine, who has beaten some of the men in the PWF's heavyweight division, has agreed, and PWF matchmakers are busy drawing up the contracts. Might we see a midget in the "PWI 500" next year?

What a shame—**The Rock 'n' Roll Express** may be a thing of the past. Due to personal legal problems involving a physical battle between **Rick Morton's** girlfriend and **Tracey Smothers'** girlfriend, Morton has left SMW in a huff and is wrestling for other Tennessee-based promotions. **Robert Gibson** said that he asked Ricky to forget what happened and drop legal charges that Morton has filed, but Morton said no.

"Smoky Mountain asked me to drop the charges, and I refused,"

have no hard feelings toward Robert, and maybe somewhere down the road we will team again, but I cannot do that if he stays in Smoky."

"Rick Morton's release from Smoky Mountain had nothing to do with that situation," said Smoky Mountain spokesman **Sandy Scott**. "He failed to appear at several shows that he was committed to be on. That's the only reason he was dismissed."

"**Taskmaster**" **Kevin Sullivan** told me he's close to signing **Randy**



It finally looks like **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** is a team of the past. Rick Morton was fired by Smoky Mountain Wrestling for reasons that still aren't totally clear and is now competing in other independents.

from the desk of..

Stuart M. Saks

If you are a fan of the "PWI 500," send a thank-you note to Dave Gerhardt. Because if it weren't for the intervention of the company V.P. (which is an extreme rarity), my original ruling would have stood.

I wanted to kill the "PWI 500." It was either that or risk the integrity of the PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED name. It was an ugly, ugly situation. I'm just glad it was resolved. But while the "PWI 500" was saved, the cost was very high. We lost a promising young writer in the biggest scandal to hit this publishing company since Jimmy Hart was caught tampering with the Manager of the Year voting in the 1983 yearend poll. Unlike the Hart situation, the corruption directly involved a member of our staff, a young intern whose name many of you probably have seen in our masthead, Ed Emelett.

Ed came to this company as a green, impressionable kid, looking for the break that would allow him to combine his love of wrestling with his communications major in college. He was so young and naive that he probably never realized that we were getting the better of the deal in which we received his services free of charge in exchange for the privilege of providing his services free of charge.

In truth, Ed benefited significantly from his apprenticeship. In the beginning, he filed photos, sorted mail, and tidied our clip files, but before too long, he was actually getting some travel assignments and bylined stories. We were even able to throw a little money his way.

But not as much as one wrestling manager, whose identity is still a mystery to me to this day. Emelett was offered—and accepted—a bribe from

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By Craig Peters

AND THE LOSER IS ...

No, that's not a proper headline. Because the fact of the matter is that there are no losers. As Stu Saks wrote in his November 1995 column, "only the very best among us ever get to be professional athletes in the first place. Those who reach that level are in an elite class. How can they be losers?"

Tell it to the guy I saw jogging the other day wearing a T-shirt that read: "Second place is the first loser."

But another fact of the matter is that the first two things you probably noticed in this magazine were that Diesel is ranked first, and that Kevin Kirby is ranked last.

Over the years, there seems to have been almost as much attention paid to who is ranked last on the list as there is to who is ranked first. (For the record: Zeus in 1991, Morgus the Maniac in 1992, Garbage Man—a.k.a. Duke "The Dumpster" Droese—in 1993, and Donn E. Allen last year.) It's an interesting phenomenon, actually. Nobody pays much attention to the guy ranked at number 300 (this year, it happens to be Tyrone Knox). But if this were the "PWI 300," Knox would be getting all kinds of recognition! (And Brandi Mankiewicz would be a bit saner, but more on that in the next item!)

I think it all stems from the idea that if Diesel is ranked number one, he's the best in the world, and if Kevin Kirby is ranked number 500, he's the worst in the world.

But what about the guy ranked number 600? Or number 700? If there were only 500 wrestlers in the world, that would be one thing, but there are hundreds

more who did not make our list.

So don't look at number 500 as being the worst in the world. If anything, congratulate him: He's the guy running on the station platform who made it through the doors that last microsecond before the train pulled away.

Another microsecond later, he could have been number 501—and would have had to wait another year to (perhaps) see his name in print!

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE "500"!

So you think being a magazine editor is glamorous? You think it's fun writing about wrestling all



Duke Droese's career took off after he was ranked last in the 1993 "PWI 500." What some people forget is that just because he was ranked last in our survey, it didn't mean he was the world's worst wrestler!

day, talking to wrestlers on the phone, working among the largest wrestling photos files in the world, sitting at a desk near Bill Apter?

No, it's no picnic.

Just ask Brandi Mankiewicz.

See, the "PWI 500" is a group effort ... up to a point. The entire staff sits down and discusses the specific rankings of each wrestler. Even the boxing department at this company likes to get in on the action: Nigel Collins, managing editor of *The Ring*, for example, was asking about the ranking of Chicken Neck ("You gotta love a guy who says he weighs in at \$2.59 a pound!" Nigel says).

But someone has to coordinate the production of the issue. Someone has to get in contact with all the wrestlers and promotions and obtain the statistical information for the capsule biographies. Someone has to type it all into the computer, check it over, and make sure the facts are correct. Someone has to double-check and cross-check the rankings from top to bottom.

"Oh, no!" Brandi howled just moments before I started writing this column. "Irish' Bob Clancy is ranked *four times!*"

No, it's no picnic.

"I warned that girl," said Contributing Editor Matt Brock, Brandi's uncle. "I've seen what happens in that office every time the '500' rolls around. It's not a pretty sight. Tempers get short. Arguments flare. It's a hellish crush of work. And it can actually break the spirit of a writer or editor. Look around. Where are the others who' done it?"

Matt's got a point. Former *PWI* editors Bob Smith and Vincent Paterno, who spearheaded two lists apiece, no longer work for this magazine. Was the reason for their departure 500 straws that broke the camel's back? Bob and Vince are too professional to confess that it was. Knowing them both, I'd have to add that they both took on a huge job and handled it well with little complaint. That's the mark of a pro.

"Don't believe it for a second," Matt said. "Yeah, they're both pros, but you can only pile so much weight on a back before the spine snaps in two. I'd say that either one of them would have lasted a couple of more years on the job at *PWI* had they not had to work on the '500.' You know how they say each cigarette takes seven minutes off your life? I'd guess that each '500' takes at least a year off the professional life of the editor saddled with coordinating that project from hell."

"Quite frankly, there are plenty of times when it really stinks," Brandi said as she checked through a ream of papers looking for the hometown of King Kong Crusty. "But Uncle Matt's just trying to jab me in my journalistic ribs. He doesn't like me being around the office, so he's doing what he can to see if he can't drive me away. Sorry, Uncle Matt: I'm not afraid to get my editorial fingernails dirty."

Brandi's learned lesson number one about the "500": To get the job

done, you just have to dig right into the dirt and forge ahead. The job may seem to get bigger the more you get done, but it *does* get done. Eventually.

Anybody know the weight for Mr. Ooh La La? □



Chicken Neck has been the butt of many jokes around the editorial offices of *PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED*. How can you not love a wrestler who weighs in at \$2.59 a pound?

win or lose draw

BY ANDY RODRIGUEZ

"YOU'RE GOING TO the ECW card in Philadelphia tonight!" Managing Editor Dave Lenker told me. Then he mumbled something incoherent, said goodbye, and hung up the phone.

Like all good editors, he delivered the good news before the bad news and didn't hang around for the argument, so I called him back immediately.

"Mary, give me Dave," I said.

"Lenker or Gerhardt?" she responded, doing her

job as only Mary can.

"Lenker!"

"What do *you* want?" Lenker moaned.

"I don't know. Why don't you tell me what you want," I said. "What did you just tell me a minute ago?"

"We need you to cover the ECW card in Philly tonight," he said. "And while you're at it, we'd like you to tell Luna Vachon that she made the 'PWI 500' this year. We picked you to deliver the good news to her! It's not a big deal, but we think someone should let her know."

Maybe it's no big deal to you, Dave. On the night in question, you probably went home, popped a Hungry Man TV dinner into the microwave oven, and watched the Phillies drop another game behind the Braves. I had interviewed Luna several times before, and let me tell you something: It's never a pleasant experience. I knew she wouldn't be happy unless I told her she made the top 10. She thinks she's tough enough to beat any man in the world. She probably expects to be number one.

"I'm going to kill you!" she yelled with that bloodcurdling scream that convinces you she means business. "Vampire, get over here and help me kill this little runt. We'll show him what respect is all about!"

Luna wasn't happy with her ranking and didn't ask for an explanation. All she wanted to do was kill now and ask questions later, but fortunately, a security guard intervened, along with a few other ECW wrestlers, and at the end of the evening, I walked out of ECW Arena in about the same condition that I walked in three hours earlier.

(By the way, after leaving the building, I found a pay phone and couldn't resist the temptation to phone Lenker at home and break him out of his

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Luna Vachon has manhandled Steve Richards in tag team action (above), and, though her head was bloodied a bit, beaten him one-on-one in a cage match (right). She still isn't satisfied with her ranking in the "PWI 500."



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vs. Stomper - Tim Horner vs. Chris Candito (Baby Bottle Match) - Jimmy Del Rey vs. Steve Armstrong - SMW Coal Miners Glove Match - Brian Lee vs. Tracy Smothers - R+RX + Armstrong vs. Bruise Brothers + Heavenly Bodies + Jim Cornette (War Games Bloody) Bonus Match Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette (Lumberjack Match).

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SMW TV #16 APRIL Features...
DWB helps Bobby Blaze after Landell attacks him - Gangstas vs. Armstrongs + Smothers - New Jack vs. Smothers - Ricky Morton vs. Al Snow - R+RX vs. Al Snow + Unabomb (Coal Miners Glove Match - Title change) - Undertaker + Armstrong + Smothers vs. Gangstas - Landell vs. DWB (Chain match) - Bobby Fulton vs. Buddy Landell - Landell vs. Blaze (Title change) - Gangstas spray paint Armstrong - Landell vs. Blaze (Title Rematch) - Blaze vs. Killer Kyle Gangstas interfere - Al Snow + Unabomb vs. Gibson PLUS PG 13 - Jim Cornette and many more matches and interviews.

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USWA TV #8 - 6 Hours of Action
Tommy Rich vs. Brian Christopher - Sid Vicious choke slams Brian Christopher - Rich + Gilbert attack Destroyer until PG 13 makes the save - Sid Vicious vs. Brian Christopher - PG 13 and Rich + Gilbert brawl - Gilbert vs. Christopher + Sid comes in - Rich + Gilbert vs. PG 13 - Lawler + Dundee square off - Brian Christopher vs. Jerry Lawler - Dundee and Christopher argue PLUS more - Christopher - Lawler + Dundee - PG 13 - Scott Studd - R+RX + Sid Vicious - and more matches and interviews.

USWA TV #9 - 6 Hours of Action
Clips of Lawler + Dundee + Christopher matches - Sid vs. Christopher Clips - Rich + Gilbert attack PG13 - Jerry Lawler vs. Sid Vicious (Title change) Jeff Jarrett vs. Pat Tanaka - Sheepherders vs. Fabs old clips - Dundee + Christopher brawl - Rich + Gilbert vs. Moondogs - Christopher vs. Gorgeous George - Sid Vicious helps Jerry Lawler and turns good - Terry Taylor + Stagger Lee vs. Bobby Eaton + Uncle Elmer (old clips Plus tons of clips of all of the major feuds and more interviews and matches with Christopher + PG 13 - Lawler - Dundee - Rich + Miss Texas - Gilbert and more.

USWA TV #10 - 6 Hours of Action
Eddie Gilbert tribute - Jerry Lawler vs. Dundee /everyone comes in - Miss Texas gets jumped by Sapphire - PG13 vs. Rich + Gilbert - Dundee vs. Lawler - 3 way brawl with Dundee + Lawler + Christopher - Flashback Terry Taylor vs. Phil Hickerson - Tommy Rich vs. Wolfied - Gorgeous George vs. Scott Studd - Christopher vs. Spellbinder - PG13 vs. George + Rich - Lawler vs. Christopher vs. Dundee triangle double elimination match - PG13 vs. Rich + Gilbert (Title change) - Dundee + Miss Texas vs. Jack Hammer + Swett Brown PLUS more matches and interviews.

USWA TV #11 - 6 Hours of Action
Mable + Lawler + Dundee + Wolfied vs. Rich + Gilbert + Spellbinder + George - Dundee vs. Crusher Bones - Spellbinder vs. Wolfied - Lawler vs. Razor Ramon - Lawler + Dundee argue - Brian Lee debuts - Mable attacks Lawler in the locker room - Tommy Rich interview about Bob Backlund as hit tag team partner - Rich + Dundee brawl bloody - PG 13 vs. Mabel - Miss Texas and Downtown Bruno Brawl - Christopher + Wolfied vs. Rich + Gilbert Wild brawl - Gilbert vs. Brian Christopher Rich comes in - Kenny Kendall debut - Gambler debut Erik Watts + Chad Fortune debuts PLUS more matches with PG 13 - Rich + Gilbert + Dundee + more matches and interviews.

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MORE MEETINGS. As a member of the editorial staff of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, I am sometimes asked to participate in story idea meetings and roundtable discussions. Let me tell you that these aren't exactly the talks at Camp David. Publisher Stu Saks shouts across the room, "Meeting!" and everyone gathers around and bounces nonsense off each other for an hour or so.

Now it's not so simple. For the last two-plus years, my office has been a desk in my apartment, about 100 miles from beautiful Ambler, Pennsylvania. So when Stu shouts across the room, I don't hear it. Unless, of course, it's via telephone conference call. Then I can hear the drivel loud and clear.

We had one of these conference calls right before the massive undertaking known as the "PWI 500." The topic was whether Lawrence Taylor deserved to be ranked among the top 500 wrestlers. Just about every writer and editor on staff was part of the conversation, which Stu thought would be a story in and of itself. That's why he's the publisher. I thought it was a remarkable waste of time. That's why I'm a writer. Anyway, with the help of some sophisticated recording equipment, here's what went down:

STU: Everybody on? Can everybody hear?

DAVE ROSENBAUM: I'm here.

ANDY RODRIGUEZ: Me too, Stu.

ME: Let's just get this started.

EDDIE ELLNER: What did you say?

CRAIG PETERS: Okay, good. Now, the question is whether Lawrence Taylor should be in the

"PWI 500," based on his stunning victory over Bam Bam Bigelow at WrestleMania XI.

ANDY: Is Bigelow is the "500"? Because if he is, then Taylor has to be.

STU: Why do you say that, Andy?

ME (interrupting): Because that's how rankings work. Or rather, how they should work.

DAVE: Explain that one, Chris.

ME: Well, look at any other sport that has rankings, like boxing. If the number-six contender beats the number-three contender, he becomes the number-three contender. Or at least he should become the number-three contender. Not only should Taylor be in the "500," he has to be ranked at least one notch above Bigelow, because he beat him. Where is Bigelow ranked?

DAVE: Whoa, let's slow down a minute. Exactly where Bigelow is ranked is irrelevant. Taylor wrestled



Lawrence Taylor had reason to celebrate after beating Bam Bam Bigelow. Because he beat an established star in his one and only pro match, he can now celebrate the fact that he made the "PWI 500."

one match. We don't know if he's good or just lucky. Bigelow wrestled all year long. He won some big ones, he lost some, but at least he gave us a read on what kind of performer he was ... or is.

STU: Are you saying that Taylor had beginner's luck?

EDDIE: What? Who's being stuck?

DAVE: He could have. Then again, he could have been WWF World champion if he kept wrestling. We don't know. It's like a rookie baseball player who gets up three times in a season and gets two hits. That's a .667 average. But is he the batting champion? Of course not, because he doesn't have enough at-bats.

CHRIS: So how many at-bats is enough for Taylor, or anyone else? What's the cutoff? What's the minimum number of matches?

ANDY: Good point. Look at Hulk Hogan.

How many matches is he going to wrestle this year? Seven? Eight? But he's still going to be ranked in the top 10.

DAVE: A lot of people tell me he shouldn't be in the top 10 at all, but when he does wrestle, he always finds a way to win. And he is the WCW World champion. All of his matches were against top-notch competition, and most of them were title bouts. Believe me, Hogan doesn't need me to toot his horn. The guy deserves a pretty high ranking.

ME: So did Taylor. He came up real big. That was the biggest match of his life—actually the only one so far—and no one gave him a shot to win at an event as big as WrestleMania. So now we want to explain it away as a fluke because we all predicted he



Some people feel that because he beat Bam Bam cleanly, LT should be ranked higher than him. Sorry, LT, but you'd have to wrestle a bit more often to make the top 100.

would lose? That's crazy!

DAVE: No, it's not. There have been plenty of one-shot wonders. How about when Boston College beat top-ranked Notre Dame in college football a couple of years ago? Did that make Boston College the number-one team in the country? Of course not! We'll never know if Taylor would have lost his next match to Dusty Wolfe or somebody like that, because he quit after one match.

EDDIE: When did Taylor get bit by a wolf?

BRANDI MANKIEWICZ: Guys, you're missing the point. What we're trying to figure out is whether Taylor should be ranked, not where he's ranked. You have to walk before you run.

ME (sarcastically): Wait a minute,

here's the voice of reason.

STU: Hold on, Chris. You had plenty to say. Let Brandi make her point.

BRANDI: Thank you, Stu. Now I wasn't here for this, but in 1993, you guys decided to rank Miss Texas in the "PWI 500" because she wrestled and beat a man—Jamie Dundee—who was also in the "500." All of her victories against women that year didn't count toward her standing in the rankings. But once she beat a ranked man, she deserved a ranking herself.

CHRIS: So?

BRANDI: So on the basis of her performance in one match, she earned a spot in the "500." Isn't that exactly what we're trying to determine for Taylor? Yes, he wrestled just one match, but in that match, he proved that he was better than an opponent who has a pretty fair track record and is clearly among the top 500 wrestlers. To me, there's

really no argument as to whether LT should be ranked. Where he's ranked is another conversation that you guys seemed intent on having today.

ANDY: Good point.

STU: So it's decided, right? Taylor is ranked.

DAVE: Fine.

CHRIS: But where is he ranked? He has to be ahead of Bigelow.

DAVE: No, he doesn't. Bigelow can't be penalized that much for one embarrassing loss.

CRAIG: Like Brandi said, we'll discuss that in the near future. For now, he is somewhere among the top 500. Nice job, Brandi.

BRANDI: Thank you.

STU: Okay, guys. We'll talk again soon.

EDDIE: What did you say? □

Off the top

by Eddie Ellner

(Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the letter writers and Eddie Ellner himself. They do not necessarily reflect the editorial views of this magazine.)

PART OF THE appeal of major sports like baseball and basketball lie in the immutability of their numbers. You know the winners because they have more points, scored more runs, hit for higher averages, and won more games. People lie, but numbers don't, no matter how creative the statisticians become. Rating wrestlers is not such an exact science. For instance, in a recent issue of *PWI Weekly*, Sting was rated behind Hulk Hogan in the WCW ratings. But in the overall top 10, Sting was ranked second, five spots ahead of seventh-rated Hogan. Big Van Vader, whom Hogan trounced at *Bash at the Beach*, was rated one spot ahead of Hogan. The reason for the discrepancy? Editorial interpretation, I'm told. Which, translated, means the editors haven't taken their medication. Just a word about the "PWI 500": If the editors can't rank 10 wrestlers properly ... oh, my!

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Do you think Jeff Jarrett is one sexy guy? Do I give a damn what you think? The answer to question number two is, as always, no. If you care at all about question number one, see a psychiatrist immediately.

Dear Eddie,

Who do you think is the best looking wrestler out there? I think Jeff Jarrett—"Double-J"—is hotter than a tin roof in August, and a damn fine wrestler to boot. I also like Shawn Michaels and Tatanka, and I think The Ultimate Warrior has the bod of the century. Are any of them available?

ELYSE SPIEGEL
Anaheim Hills, CA

Dear Elyse,

The particular hormonal imbalance from which you suffer can be controlled through herbs, teas, and cold showers. As for the wrestlers, they're all available—for autograph shows, car shows, conventions, and bar mitzvahs, if the price is right—but are they available to Elyse Spiegel, nice girl from the suburbs? Your poor mother would have a heart attack, my dear.

Dear Eddie,

I'm tired of Hulk Hogan. I don't hate him or wish him ill-will, I'm just tired of him dominating professional wrestling. It's like he's a permanent fixture. Will he ever go away?

STEVE ROBB
Pacific Palisades, CA

Dear Steve,

I just got the news that Jerry Garcia died in his sleep. How badly do I wish I went to the last Grateful Dead show in Las Vegas? How sad am I that I'll never again get to hear Jerry go from singing "China Cat Sunflower" to "Goin' Down The Road Feeling Bad"? I'm no Hoganaphile, as you well know, but I advise you to appreciate your legends while they're still with us. Hogan will be gone soon, and whether you love or hate him, you're gonna miss him.

Dear Eddie,

I understand Abdullah the Butcher practices yoga. I would very much be interested in watching him perform. Do you know what kind of yoga he practices? Where did he learn? Does

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OR THE FIRST time in the five-year history of the "PWI 500," we are making a radical change in our approach. Whereas in the past we considered for ranking all wrestlers who competed in North America and only those foreign wrestlers who had competed in North America in recent years, we have thrown the 1995 "PWI 500" open to every wrestler in the world, regardless of where they compete.

Granted, this was not an easy task. In truth, the editors of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED have not seen every foreign wrestler in person, so we have had to depend on videotapes and, in some cases, the scouting reports of our international correspondents.

"The most difficult aspect of rating foreign wrestlers," said Managing Editor Dave Lenker, "was assessing where those competitors fit in to the rankings when in many instances there were no common opponents to serve as a barometer."

Rating 500 wrestlers, of course, is not an exact science. We receive a tremendous amount of mail from readers, wrestlers, managers, and promoters each year questioning our judgment. We expect that. This year, we would like to clear up some of the misconceptions about the "PWI 500."

- By ranking a wrestler in a position above another wrestler, we are not saying that the higher-ranked wrestler is necessarily better or that he (or she) would beat the lower-ranked wrestler. It would be foolish to think Luna Vachon (306) could beat The Ultimate Warrior (423). Warrior has wrestled only once during the past year, however, while Luna has been active throughout.
- Wrestlers are not ranked on their pure athletic skills. They help, of course, but we are more interested in overall success, regardless of how it was achieved. Hulk Hogan is not a better *wrestler* than The Kid, but he cannot be penalized because he likes to brawl his way to victories. That's professional wrestling.
- The "500" is not a men's only club. But it takes a special woman having a special year to get in. This year we have two. In five years, we've had three.
- Unlike the *PWI* Top 10 on the monthly ratings page, the "500" is not the current ranking of the top 500 wrestlers in the sport. It does place considerable emphasis on the current status of the wrestlers, but it takes into account the activity of the wrestler throughout the entire year. This year, that time frame is August 1994 through August 1995.

The "PWI 500" is a reference tool that you'll want to keep handy all year long. I know we do. Enjoy, and let us know what you think.

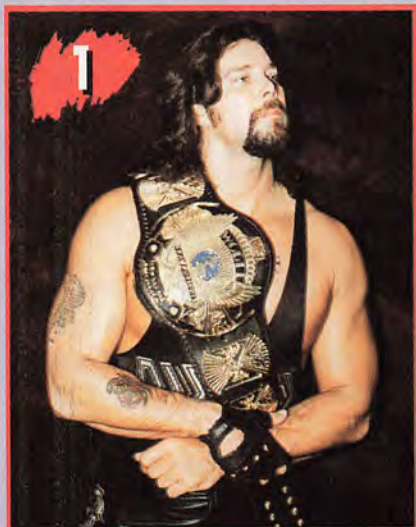
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DIESEL

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TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Teamed with Shawn Michaels to win WWF World tag team title from The Headshrinkers. 2. Won WWF World title from Bob Backlund in a record eight seconds. 3. Wrestled to a 28:39 draw with



former World champion Bret Hart at Royal Rumble as both men are attacked, Diesel by Shawn Michaels, Jeff Jarrett, and The Roadie, and Hart by Owen Hart and Bob Backlund. 4. Pinned Shawn Michaels in a Match of the Year candidate at WrestleMania XI. 5. Beat Vicious at both In Your House pay-per-views, the second one in a lumberjack match.

HE SAID IT: "There's no way I've written the book on how to reach the top of the wrestling world. If somebody said to you, 'How do you get to be the best wrestler in the world?' you wouldn't point him in my direction. But things started to go right for me early in 1994, and before I knew it, I was steamrolling, like a diesel train, and then before I knew it, I was WWF World champion. Better yet, I had a heckuva lot of confidence. I still haven't completely grasped what I've accomplished."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 367th as Oz in 1991; 203rd as Vinnie Vegas in 1992 ("Someday a force," we predicted); unrated as Vinnie Vegas in 1993; 14th as Diesel in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Although some detractors still insist Diesel is one



Diesel hammers Jarrett

of the worst WWF World champions ever, his impressive victories over stars such as Michaels, Jarrett, Vicious, and others, mark him as a very legitimate champion. As is the case with any champion, the road doesn't get easier, and Diesel's body has already sustained a beating. "Big Daddy Cool" has been the target of more attacks by more wrestlers than any champion in recent memory. He'll most likely lose the World title during the coming year.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Won WWF World tag team title with Shawn Michaels from The Headshrinkers. 2. Won the Royal Rumble, despite being the first man in the ring, and eliminated seven men, lastly Davey Boy Smith, to earn a shot against World champ Diesel at WrestleMania. 3. Announced Sid Vicious as his bodyguard, then renounced him one day after a WrestleMania loss to Diesel. 4. Took the place of injured Diesel and held off Sid in numerous matches. 5. Won third Intercontinental title, beating Jeff Jarrett at the July 23 In Your House.

HE SAID IT: "Being number two in the 'PWI 500' when my man Diesel is at the top is a great thing and should prove to everyone beyond any shadow of doubt that our tag team was the best thing the WWF had going in a long time. But I still want to be WWF World champion, and that's a goal I plan to attain within the



Michaels pummels Diesel

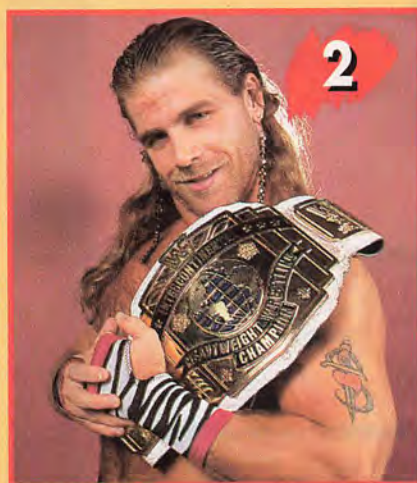
SHAWN MICHAELS

(6', 234, 12, 5)

coming year. You know, there are two kinds of people in this world, those who will always be satisfied with what they have, and those who always want more. Well, I'm the third kind. How could I not be satisfied with what I have, but I still want more, and I'm going to get it."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 37th in 1991; 16th in 1992; 3rd in 1993; 5th in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: When Michaels won the 1995 Royal Rumble with a brilliant performance, the experts thought his next step was a World title victory at WrestleMania XI. Diesel had other ideas and held off Michaels in a classic, and now the



"Heartbreak Kid" is back in a familiar position as Intercontinental champ. That makes him the top contender to the WWF World title and could ultimately lead to more trouble between him and Diesel. Look for Michaels to make a solid run at the World title during the coming 365 days, and look for him to finally reach the top spot in our 1996 "PWI 500."



STING

(6'2", 260, 9, 8)

Clash of the Champions XXXI.

HE SAID IT: "There are two ways for me to look at this. On one hand, I dropped to eighth last year, and now I'm at number three, which means I'm moving back up. On the other hand, I was first in 1992, and that was a position I wanted to maintain for a long time. I admit that maybe I lost track of my career path for a while, so maybe this is a signal to me, like, 'Sting, you can be number one, and you're the U.S. champion, so it's within your reach. Now you have to come up with a game plan, and stick to it.' Maybe I haven't done enough of that over the past few years."



Sting clotheslines Meng

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Teamed with Randy Savage to defeat Avalanche and Big Bubba Rogers at SuperBrawl V. 2. Defeated Meng for the vacant U.S. title at The Great American Bash. 3. Refused a match with WCW World champion Hulk Hogan because he didn't want to jeopardize their friendship. 4. Pinned Meng to successfully defend his belt at Bash at the Beach. 5. Teamed with Hawk to beat Meng and Kurasawa at

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 5th in 1991; 1st in 1992; 4th in 1993; 8th in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Why was the WCW U.S. champion wasting his time in a tag team match at Clash of the Champions? Why hasn't he concentrated all of his efforts on defending the belt against the best available challengers? And why did Sting refuse a match against Hogan with the lame comment, "With me, Hulk, and Renegade holding all the singles belts, we can give the bad guys around here a pretty rough time." Once again, Sting is looking out for everybody but himself while everybody is looking out for everybody but him. Maybe he's now ready to become a little more self-ish and, if so, a victory over Hogan and a return to the top spot is likely. Otherwise, he'll go on satisfying everybody but himself.

BRET HART

(5'11", 234, 19, 1)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Beat brother Owen Hart in a cage match at SummerSlam. 2. Silenced Hart with a victory in a no-holds-barred match at *Monday Night Raw* on January 9. 3. Battled Diesel to an interference-marred 28:39 draw in a classic match at the Royal Rumble. 4. Beat Bob Backlund in an "I Quit" match at WrestleMania XI. 5. Defeated Jerry Lawler in a "kiss my foot" match at King of the Ring.

HE SAID IT: "You know, a lot of things have happened to me over the past two years, some good, some not so good, and some that I regret, but when people tell me I'm not remaining focused on regaining the WWF belt, the only thing I can say is that I've always been the kind of man who takes care of his business and hopes the chips fall where they may. That's how I became WWF World champ the other two times, and that's how it's going to happen again. Sure, I'm disappointed that I'm no



longer at number one after two years at the top, but what did I expect? I'm not the World champion anymore, Diesel is, and more power to him. But wrestling is a very 'what-have-you-done-for-me-lately' sport, and I think everybody would be making a big mistake if they ruled me out. The answer is yes, I still want to be World champion."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 21st in 1991 ("May be best technical wrestler in WWF," we commented); 5th in 1992 ("Proven himself as best technical wrestler in

WWF"); 1st in 1993 and 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: "The Hitman" can say what he wants, but distraction after distraction—first from brother Owen Hart, then from Bob Backlund, then from Jerry Lawler, and finally from Hakushi and Dr. Isaac Yankem—have taken him off course. Hart's biggest problem and biggest asset are the same thing: He never refuses a challenge. When he was World champion, Hart defended the belt more often than any champion in recent memory. Rulebreakers know how easy it is to get his goat. If Hart can concentrate on regaining the WWF World title, the number-one ranking can be his again next year.



Hart chicken-wings Backlund

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Teamed with Taz to win the ECW tag title from Public Enemy in February; they won by smashing both members of Public Enemy through a table. 2. Dominated a series of matches against 2 Cold Scorpio. 3. Won the IWGP junior heavyweight title from Koji Kanemoto on May 3. 4. Left ECW Was offered lucrative contracts by several high-level federations. 5. Returned to action less than a month after suffering several broken vertebrae at the hands of Chris Benoit.

HE SAID IT (through an interpreter):

"PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED continues to give the respect nobody else wants to give me. The most important thing for me to say here is that my career has only just begun, and there are great things to be done. My mentor, The Sheik, has always told me to ignore what people say and just go with what's inside. Going from 389th in 1991 to fifth this year is a tremendous jump, but I know the hardest climb of all will be going from fifth to first, and I won't be satisfied until I get there."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 389th in 1991 ("A real comer"); 79th in 1992; 56th



in 1993; 12th in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Sabu's refusal to sell out to the mainstream, big-time U.S. federations has kept him from becoming a household name among all wrestling fans, but he's still pretty close. He insists on doing things his way, which is fine as long as he understands that he's taking a long route to the top. Certainly, the experts and magazines such as

SABU

(6', 220, 5, 12)

PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED will continue to recognize Sabu's immense talent. Sabu could carve out a very nice career for himself by remaining in Japan, where he is now. Japanese promoters and fans have grown tremendously fond of this exciting daredevil. But he privately yearns for acceptance in North America and that's where he'll try to carve out his niche over the coming year.



Sabu goes for an Arabian facebuster

HULK HOGAN

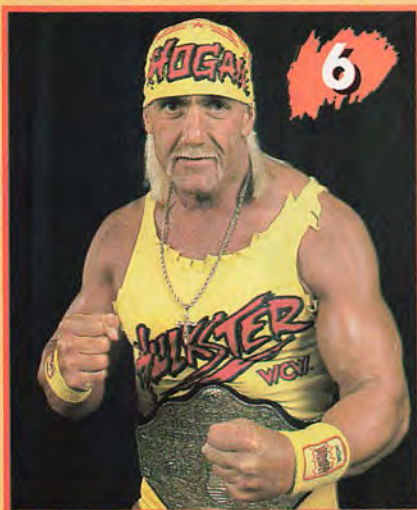
(6'8", 275, 16, 2)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Beat Ric Flair in retirement match at Halloween Havoc. 2. Dominated former best friend Brutus Beefcake in WCW World title defense at Starrcade. 3. Recovered from a Big Van Vader power

bomb at Clash XXX, stunning Vader and gaining a huge psychological advantage for their upcoming series; 4. Defeated Vader in a strap match at WCW Uncensored ... by dragging Ric Flair to all four corners. 5. Beat Vader in a steel cage match at Bash at the Beach.

HE SAID IT: "I don't understand this, brother. I've been WCW World champion for over a year, I beat Flair, I beat Beefcake, I pounded Vader, I've dealt with every challenge thrown my way, and you guys stick me at number six? Last year I only had the belt for a little while and you put me at number two, so how does it make sense that now I'm sixth? Well, all the 'Hulkamaniacs' out there know who's the best wrestler in the universe."



Hogan kicks Vader

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 1st in 1991; 12th in 1992 (in semi-retirement); 17th in 1993 ("Will soon wrestle Neilsen and Arbitron ratings"); 2nd in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Hogan, the most marketable wrestler in history, continues to split his time between the ring and outside pursuits. His latest venture was a rock 'n' roll CD that could put him on the road for long stretches during the coming year. Hogan has always been able to make his

own choices, and we'll find out shortly in which direction he'll step next. But having already defeated the top rulebreaking challengers in WCW, anything he does now would merely be a repeat of past accomplishments, and Hogan has never had the patience for that. The best bet is that the "Hulkster" will lose the belt at some time during the next few months and go into semi-retirement, where he'll wrestle occasionally but spend most of his time pushing the CD or pursuing his acting career.

BIG VAN VADER

(6'5", 450, 10, 4)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Wins triangle match at Fall Brawl, besting Sting and Guardian Angel. 2. Confronted Hogan during the champion's dressing room victory party at Starrcade. 3. Manhandled Flair and Anderson after they jumped him at Bash at the Beach and warned he could beat both of them at the same time. 4. Defeated Flair and Anderson in a handicap match at Clash XXXI



Vader finishes off Duggan

and was cheered by fans. 5. Entered Kevin Sullivan's Dungeon of Doom and saved Hogan from an attack by five members of the Dungeon.

HE SAID IT: "This is not over yet. Hogan thinks he's out of the heat, but it's going to keep bearing down on him until I get what I want, and that's the WCW World title. As for Flair and Anderson, they messed with the wrong man, but let it be known that every living thing in WCW is going to have to deal with the power of Vader. Stupid people ask me, 'Vader, are you a fan favorite or a rulebreaker?' I'm Vader, and that's something everybody's going to have to live with. I don't care about the 'PWI 500.' The only thing that means anything to me is that WCW World title. The force that I will unleash on WCW will be felt



by every man, woman, child, and animal in the universe!"

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 33rd in 1991; 15th in 1992 ("His legend is growing"); 2nd in 1993; 4th in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Unless Hulk Hogan retires or loses the belt, Big Van Vader isn't going

to win his fourth WCW World title for a while. The "Hulkster" defeated Vader in several matches leading up a decisive victory at Bash at the Beach, leaving no doubt that a large gap exists between the two men. It's impossible to figure how Vader will close that gap. Vader's best course of action would be to step back and take a run at U.S. champion Sting, a man he has defeated on many occasions. In all likelihood, Vader will continue his war with Flair while trying, but failing, to close the gap between him and Hogan. Vader is not used to dealing with failure.

RANDY SAVAGE

(6'2", 237, 21, 44)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF 1995:

1. Come to WCW and shook hands with Hulk Hogan in the ring following Hogan's WWF title defense against Brutus Beefcake at Starrcade. 2. Made his WCW wrestling debut on January 10 and pinned Arn Anderson. 3. Teamed with Sting to

defeat Avalanche and Big Bubba Rogers at SuperBrawl V. 4. Remained undefeated in WCW by defeating Avalanche at WCW Uncensored; afterward, he was attacked by Ric Flair. 5. Cleanly pinned Ric Flair at Bash at the Beach.

HE SAID IT: "Ooooooh, yeah! 'Macho Man' back in the top 10 where he belongs, right alongside wrestling's elite. For a long time people were saying, 'Where's Randy Savage? What's going on with him? Is he going to stay behind the microphone for the rest of his life?' But I'm back now, and the fans here in WCW have been better than I ever expected. It's only a matter of time until all of the doubts will have been dispelled. Hulk Hogan, he saw the 'Macho Man' for the man he really is, and even though Flair got the best of me for a while,



Savage rocks Rogers

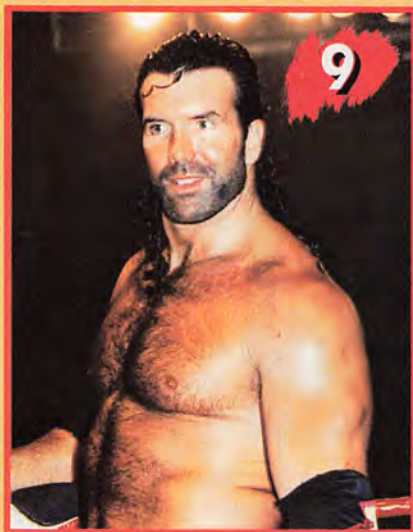
it's not going to last long. No way, because the 'Macho Man' is right back in the big picture! Ooooooh, yeah!"

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 4th 1991; 2nd in 1992; 28th in 1993 ("A serious title contender? No one's quite sure"); 44th in 1994 ("When he wrestles, few are better!")

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Three years ago, it would have been unthinkable for Savage to not right a perceived wrong. When revenge was his

motive, Savage used to be nearly unbeatable. But the "Macho Man's" failure to immediately avenge the beating his father sustained at the hands of Flair is clear enough indication to us that although Savage is back among wrestling's elite, he might never again reach the high he achieved in 1992, when we ranked him the second-best wrestler in the world. In fact, even though Savage has promised to fight on, we're not entirely convinced he won't return to a spot behind the microphone before next summer.





RAZOR RAMON

(6'8", 287, 11, 7)

HE SAID IT: "Chico, the Razor is continuing his climb to the top, and nobody can stop me. Three Intercontinental titles are mine, and the next step is to win the WWF championship. When I first came to the WWF, a lot of people thought I was another one of those cool dudes who acted tough and didn't know how to back it up, but I've shown that there's action behind this attraction."

PATH TO THE TOP

10: 76th as Diamond Studd in 1991; 53rd as Ramon in 1992 ("A sudden mean streak"); 87th in 1993 ("Refocused himself. Became a fan favorite"); 7th in 1994 ("Bad guy became fan favorite, earned respect.")



Razor wobbles Dundee

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Ramon probably peaked at number seven in 1994, when he won his first I-C title. Although he has turned out to be one of the most effective wrestlers in the WWF, he has never struck us as the kind of wrestler who has the drive to reach the top and stay there. In all likelihood, he'll never win a world title. But Ramon has clearly established himself as one of the top wrestlers in the WWF and will remain in the hunt for the I-C and tag

team belts, especially with Savio Vega as his teammate. Vega and Ramon are headed for a big year in the WWF—and probably a tag team championship—but concentration on tag teams will probably push Ramon out of the top 10.

MITSUHARU MISAWA

(5'11", 228, 15, 29)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Won the Triple Crown championship from Stan Hansen on May 26 in Sapporo, Japan. 2. Teamed with Stan Hansen and Kenta Kobashi to battle to a time-limit draw with Toshiaki Kawada, Akira Taue, and Johnny Ace in one of the best matches of the year. 3. Scored victories in tag team and singles matches against U.S. wrestling legend Steve "Dr. Death" Williams. 4. In a private poll, voted by Japanese wrestling fans as the best scien-

tific wrestler in that country. 5. Defeated former Triple Crown champion Toshiaki Kawada on July 24.

HE SAID IT (through an interpreter): "It is a great honor to have finally reached the top 10 of this very elite ranking. There are many great wrestlers in my country that I wish your readers to know something about, and maybe some time they can come over here and see what wrestling is like. The great Stan Hansen once said to me, 'You would be a great hero in the United States.' I told him I was very happy being a hero to the Japanese people. Perhaps one day I will have the opportunity to wrestle against the greatest men in the United States of America, and then maybe I can go even higher in the rankings, but right now I am very happy to

be Triple Crown champion."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 187th in 1991; 205th in 1992; 92nd in 1993 ("One of Asia's many mat legends"); 29th in 1994.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Into the wrestling history books. It would take pages for us to list all the titles Misawa has won. Suffice to say that Hansen's comments are correct, and Williams also has great respect for Misawa. It is remark-



Misawa gets a kick in on Hansen

able that he has worked his way into the top two percent of a survey dominated by North American wrestlers. But, as Misawa pointed out, advancing higher in the rankings will require a long stay in the U.S., matches against top WCW or WWF stars, and a World, I-C, or U.S. title victory. Since Misawa is content to remain in Japan, it is likely that he has reached the upper limit of his climb.



Jeff Jarrett punishes Jim Powers

11 JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 230, 9, 22) "Double-J" is despised in the WWF but still loved in home state of Tennessee ... Three-time former Intercontinental champ had heated feud with Razor Ramon in 1995 and twice won the belt from him ... Personality changed when he entered the WWF, but his wrestling didn't—former USWA star remains well-skilled ... "Ain't he great?" Music critics didn't think so ... Quit WWF in mid-'95 and has yet to turn up elsewhere.

12 OWEN HART (5'10", 227, 9, 10) Current WWF World tag team champ along with partner Yokozuna, though the two have been bickering ... Rulebreaking "King Of Harts" is still feuding with big brother Bret, though he hasn't beaten him in more than a year ... Finally has a WWF belt, and his brother doesn't ... Won 1994 King of the Ring ... Former USWA titleholder ... Excellent aerial ability.

13 THE GREAT MUTA (6'1", 245, 11, 15) Among Japan's most respected and popular wrestlers ... Excellent aerial ability ... Current IWGP heavyweight champion ... Held NWA title in 1993, but lost it to Barry Windham ... Wrestles almost exclusively in Japan ... Pinned Ric Flair in a classic battle in August ... Beat Paul Orndorff at Slamboree '95 ... Still wears facepaint when in United States, but usually competes without it in Japan.

14 THE UNDERTAKER (6'9", 328, 7, 23) This former WWF World champion seems to have lost some of his life since urn was stolen by Kama ... Feuding with DiBiase's entire Corporation, mainly Kama ... Ring entrance is the most eerie in wrestling ... Wrestled a series of matches in the USWA and in Smoky Mountain, where he helped Jim Cornette battle The Gangstas.

15 SCOTT STEINER (6'1", 235, 10, 20) He and brother Rick wrestle mostly in Japan these days ... Strongly hinted that they would love to come back to wrestle stateside again, and have entered ECW ... Fantastic skills ... Originated the crushing "Frankensteiner" finishing move ... Steiners have won world titles in WCW, the WWF, and have held the IWGP tag belts in Japan.

16 ANTONIO INOKI (6'4", 240, 34, 254) A true Japanese legend ... Stunned the sport with decisive victories over Lord Steven Regal, Sting, and Ric Flair in the last year ... Elected to the Japanese Parliament many years ago ... His abdominal stretch is still considered his trademark move ... Wants to compete against George Foreman in a boxer vs. wrestler match, as he did against Muhammad Ali in 1976.



Misterio takes down Payaso

17 EDDY GUERRERO (5'8", 231, 8, 141) Youngest of four sons of Gory Guerrero ... Wrestles exclusively for New Japan and ECW ... Has held the ECW TV title on several occasions ... Battling with Dean Malenko for the belt; their matches have been among the best of 1995 ... Stifles his opponents with creation of new holds during a match ... Lightning fast, uses many aerial moves and technical maneuvers, and is a great counter-wrestler.

18 REY MISTERIO JR. (5'3", 140, 4, 101) Undersized Mexican star is arguably the best

high-flyer in world ... Always inventing new moves ... Defeated Juventud Guerrera for AAA light heavyweight belt ... Hugely popular in native San Diego, California ... Very colorful masked man, with a huge fan following.

19 RICK STEINER (5'11", 248, 11, 28) The more volatile of the Steiner brothers ... Wrestles almost exclusively in Japan, but has been wrestling in ECW recently ... He and Scott are negotiating with several promotions and may return to the States full-time ... "Dogfaced Gremlin" has a devastating clothesline.

20 RIC FLAIR (6'1", 243, 22, 3) "Space Mountain" was shut down by Hulk Hogan in October of 1994, but Flair has since returned to active competition ... Possibly the greatest NWA/WCW World champion ever ... Shrewd ring tactician, but has lost some big matches in the past year to Antonio Inoki, Hulk Hogan, and Randy Savage ... Career finally appears to be winding down.

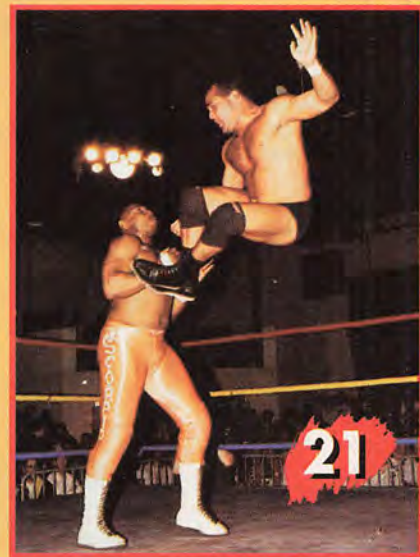
21 DEAN MALENKO (5'9", 216, 15, 191) "The Shooter" splits his time between Japan and ECW ... Held ECW TV title on several occasions in 1995 ... Son of rulebreaker Boris Malenko and sibling to Joe and Debbie, but uses in the aerial Japanese style ... Tremendous all-around wrestler, he is allied with Chris Benoit and 2 Cold Scorpio in ECW.

22 JERRY LAWLER (6', 234, 25, 16) "The King" is frequent USWA champ and WWF instigator ... Has spent most of the year in a brutal feud with Bret Hart ... Accused Hart of being a racist and recruited Hakushi and Dr. Isaac Yankem to help him in his feud ... Had to kiss Bret's toes after losing a "kiss my foot" match at King of the Ring ... Shares the broadcast booth with Vince McMahon on WWF Monday Night Raw telecasts, mainly insulting fan favorites who are in the ring when Lawler is broadcasting.

23 LEX LUGER (6'5", 265, 10, 17) Teamed with Davey Boy Smith as The Allied Powers ... Has power and talent, but no title yet in the WWF ... Career seems to have stalled, but maybe it will be jump-started soon ... Occasionally uses the "rack" backbreaker, which was once his finishing maneuver ... Prefers to use his implanted steel plate in his right forearm to smash and then pin opponents.

24 ARN ANDERSON (6', 249, 13, 31) Defeated Johnny B. Badd for the WCW TV title, then lost it to The Renegade several months later ... Tough, tenacious wrestler who is respected by all ... Superb tag team wrestler ... Was a founding member of the legendary Four Horsemen ... Lost an embarrassing boxer vs. wrestler match against Badd at WCW Uncensored ... Currently involved in a feud with Ric Flair, a feud he never wanted to see happen.

25 HAWK (6'3", 277, 12, 39) Proving there is life after The Road Warriors ... Has excelled as solo on independent cards, in WCW, and in Japan ... Incredibly intense ... Was to have reunited with Animal at a card in North Korea, but that never took place ... Teaming occasionally with Sting in WCW and with Kensuke Sasaki in the Orient ... Right arm was broken by Kurasawa at Clash of the Champions XXXI.



Malenko dropkicks 2 Cold Scorpio

26 TRACEY SMOTHERS (6'1", 227, 13, 38) Arguably Smoky Mountain's best all-around wrestler ... Now one-half of The Thugs with Tony Anthony, he is feuding with The Headbangers ... In the prime of his career... Excellent power-driven flying elbowsmash ... A man with a volatile temper, he tends to become very violent and bloodthirsty at times ... Former SMW heavyweight and tag team champion.

27 NOBUHIKO TAKADA (6'1", 230, 13, 106) Former UWFI champion was trained by Lou Thesz ... Incredibly fast, powerful kicks ... Beat Big Van Vader in front of 65,000 fans in Tokyo on April 20 ... Also made the former WCW World champ submit to an armbar in a 1993 match ... Wrestles monthly ... Lost bid for Senate in Japan.



Tracey Smothers nails Al Snow

28 SHANE DOUGLAS (6', 223, 9, 32) Former ECW champion nicknamed "The Franchise" brought in referee Bill Alfonso to tone down the violence there ... Former WCW World tag team champ with Rick Steamboat as partner ... Feuded violently with ECW champion The Sandman ... Former school teacher now in the WWF as Dean Douglas ... Dean had not wrestled in WWF as of press time, but stands by a blackboard and critiques all the stars there.

29 THE KID (6'2", 212, 6, 22) Exciting young aerialist still making an impact in WWF ... Briefly shared World tag team title with Marty Jannetty ... Is getting better with each match ... Several devastating neck and back injuries have sidelined him and taken him out of title contention ... Can still post the occasional upset ... Formed a team with Bob Holly earlier this year, and they held the WWF tag team belts for one day, beating Bam Bam Bigelow and Tatanka.

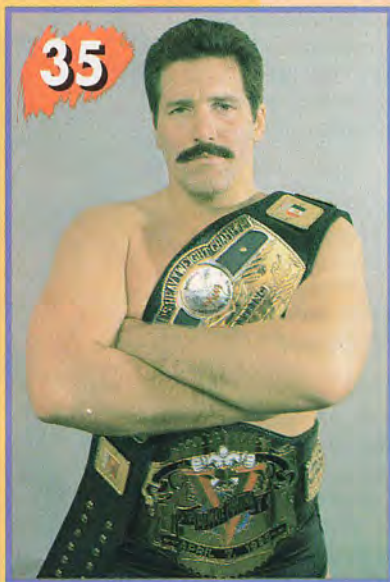
30 BAM BAM BIGELOW (6'3", 368, 10, 24) Will be remembered as the wrestler who lost to football great Lawrence Taylor at WrestleMania XI ... Since then, has changed his evil ways and befriended WWF World champ Diesel ... Excellent top-rope headbutt, though he tends to try to use it too early in a match ... Now feuding with former manager Ted DiBiase and ex-partner Tatanka.

31 CACTUS JACK (6'4", 277, 12, 27) Maniacal wildman wrestles throughout America for many independents ... Lost part of his ear against Big Van Vader during a match in Germany in 1993 ... Known for wild matches against Sabu ... Held WCW World tag team title with Kevin Sullivan in 1994 ... One of the most wildly sought-after wrestlers by independent promoters.

32 YOKOZUNA (6'4", 568, 10, 11) The Big Samoan returned to the WWF at WrestleMania XI as Owen Hart's mystery partner, and they won the WWF World tag team belts ... Two-time former WWF World champion ... Strong, but plodding ... Mr. Fuji and Jim Cornette oversee career ... Has crippled several opponents with his "banzai" drop ... Hasn't fared well in casket matches against The Undertaker.

33 2 COLD SCORPIO (5'11", 222, 9, 50) Thriving in ECW after leaving WCW ... Exciting high-flyer briefly held WCW tag title with Marcus Alexander Bagwell in 1993 ... Feuding with Taz and manager Paul E. Dangerously, and has gained several victories over Taz with help from referee Bill Alfonso ... Frequently wrestles in Japan.

34 SID VICIOUS (6'8", 318, 8, 143) "Psycho" Sid was not able to unseat Diesel for the WWF World belt, though he certainly received enough chances ... Held the USWA title in 1994-95 ... Briefly a bodyguard to Shawn Michaels ... His intensity is unquestioned, but has always been his own worst enemy ... Still a fan favorite in the USWA, but is hated in the WWF ... Devastating power bomb is his main weapon.



UFC IV and NWA champ Dan Severn

35 DAN SEVERN (6'1", 275, 4, 332) Spectacular rise from mid-carder to star in both pro wrestling and the Ultimate Fighting Championship ... Gained international acclaim when he won UFC IV ... Current NWA champion, he beat Chris Candido for the title last year ... Has won nearly 40 amateur wrestling titles ... Competes in several independent promotions in North America and Japan.



High-flying Kanemoto nails Sabu

36 LORD STEVEN REGAL (6'4", 247, 11, 18) Two-time former WCW TV champion who dominated most challengers until he lost the belt to Johnny B. Badd last September ... Pompous British aristocrat, has now formed a team called The Blue Bloods with "Earl Robert" Eaton ... Superb technical skills to match his arrogance ... Wrestled extensively around world before joining WCW in 1993.

37 TONY ANTHONY (6'1", 235, 18, 25) "Dirty White Boy" teams with Tracey Smothers as The Thugs in Smoky Mountain ... Still a fan favorite ... Has held Smoky Mountain heavyweight belt three times ... Veteran competitor who has also wrestled in USWA ... A pure brawler who backs down from nobody ... Married to "Dirty White Girl" Kimberly.

38 KONNAN (5'10", 230, 8, 34) Arguably the most popular Mexican wrestler since Mil Mascaras ... Current IWC champion and former AAA champion ... Boasts wide array of suplexes and finishers ... Defeated Cien Caras in a hair vs. hair match in Los Angeles this year.

39 DAVEY BOY SMITH (5'9", 245, 18, 184) "British Bulldog" is teaming with Lex Luger in the WWF as The Allied Powers ... They are currently in contention for the World tag belts, though they have lost several times to Owen Hart and Yokozuna as well as Men on a Mission ... Former WWF Intercontinental champion and World tag team champion ... Superb powerslam.

40 KOJI KANEMOTO (5'10", 205, 5, NL) Wrestled as the third Tiger Mask in Mexico, but unmasked in 1993 ... Current IWGP junior heavyweight champion (he beat Sabu) and UWA champion ... Good acrobatic flyer ... Greatly improved in the last year ... Has feuded with Chris Benoit, Eddy Guerrero ... Holds victories over Jushin Liger.

41 TATANKA (6'1", 250, 5, 40) Feisty Native American sold out to Ted DiBiase at SummerSlam '94 ... Now as a member of the Million-Dollar Corporation, he has forsaken his heritage for money ... Struggling in a big way as a rule-breaker ... Great tomahawk chop and Samoan drop ... Has turned his back on mentor Chief Jay Strongbow and even attacked him several times.

42 CHRIS "SKIP" CANDIDO (5'8", 226, 5, 45) Former NWA champion is now in the WWF as Bodydonna Skip ... Also former Smoky Mountain tag team champion with Brian Lee ... Lost match to preliminary wrestler Barry Horowitz this summer because of overconfidence ... Always has Tammy "Sunny" Fytch at his side ... Sometimes lets his emotions get the best of him.

43 STEVE AUSTIN (6'2", 241, 6, 6) Former WCW U.S. champion suffered a severe injury to his left knee last winter, but he made a comeback only a few months later ... Feuded with former tag team partner Brian Pillman for several months, though they recently discussed a reunion of The Hollywood Blonds ... Rarely seen in WCW lately, he has gotten himself lost in the shuffle.

44 KENSUKE SASAKI (5'10", 233, 9, 59) One of Japan's strongest wrestlers ... Famed for power attack, including suplexes and hiptoss variation, and a dynamic clothesline ... Former IWGP tag team champion with Hawk ... Formerly in WCW.



Japan's powerful Kensuke Sasaki

45 TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 245, 6, 102) Popular ECW star is currently teaming with Luna Vachon in matches against Raven and Steve Richards ... Involved in a wild, bizarre love triangle with Luna and her husband, Vampire Warrior ... Former IWCCW TV champion ... A true hardcore wrestler, despite his good looks ... Tough, never backs down from a challenge ... Idolized Jimmy Snuka as a child and briefly feuded with him several years ago.

46 CHRIS BENOIT (5'10", 218, 9, 43) One of the top stars from Canada, he is very popular in Japan, where he often competes as The Pegasus Kid ... Renewed himself on independent circuit after lackluster stay in WCW ... Gained nickname "The Crippler" by breaking Sabu's neck during a wild ECW match early this year ... Was recruited by Ted DiBiase in the WWF, but has yet to make a deal with him.

47 ADAM BOMB (6'6", 292, 4, 142) WWF mid-carder has had great success in recent months ... Formerly managed by Harvey Wippleman, he has beaten Hakushi and King Kong Bundy several times in 1995 ... Had earlier dominated preliminary opponents ... Known as The Nightstalker in Smoky Mountain, but left after feuding with Kevin Sullivan ... Devastating flying clothesline performed by catapulting himself over the ropes from the ring apron.

48 HAKUSHI (5' 11", 231, 4, NL) Martial arts expert ... Had a major feud with Bret Hart in 1995, but has yet to beat him ... Specialist in nerveholds ... He and manager Shinja have split because of his failure to defeat Hart ... Very adept at aerial maneuvers ... Covers his body with

temporary tattoos before most matches ... Carries a likeness of Hart's head to the ring with him ... Known as the "Modern-Day Kamikaze."

49 MABEL (6'10", 503, 4, 88) "King" Mabel defeated Savio Vega in the finals of 1995 King of the Ring ... One half of Men on a Mission, with partner "Sir" Mo ... Had been on a singles mission for a while in 1994, as Mo recuperated from an injury ... Occasionally wrestles in the USWA ... Has a terrific belly-to-belly suplex and legdrop ... Will likely give Diesel big problems in the near future.

50 PAUL ORNDORFF (5'11", 253, 16, 64) Rugged rulebreaker teamed with Paul Roma to form "Pretty Wonderful" tag team and win the WCW belts twice, but has since gone solo ... Claims to be ignored by former friend-turned-rival Hulk Hogan and could soon renew famed mid-1980s feud with him ... Still can't stand "Paula" chants ... Seems to be rejuvenated, giving The Renegade and several other young wrestlers very tough matches.

51 TITO SANTANA (6'1", 245, 20, 90) Competes in several independent promotions throughout North America ... Still among the most popular wrestlers around ... Holds numerous singles titles in several federations, most notably the AWF heavyweight title ... Two-time former WWF Intercontinental champ ... Finishes most opponents off with a flying forearm smash.



High-flying rookie Alex Wright

52 HIROSHI HASE (5'11", 225, 9, 97) New Japan star famed for his suplex ... Has extensive North American experience in Calgary and WCW ... Former IWGP tag team champ ... Recently won bid for the Japanese Senate ... Submitted to Ric Flair's figure-four leglock in a match in Japan this spring ... Can trade holds with the best scientific wrestlers and brawl with the most vicious.

53 TAZ (5'9", 221, 8, 107) ECW star recently disclosed his real name, and now talks during interviews ... A master of many different variations of the suplex ... Skills are underrated ... Managed by Paul E. Dangerously, he has been out of action due to a neck injury ... Former IWCCW light heavyweight champ, ECW TV champ, and ECW tag team champion with Sabu.

54 ALEX WRIGHT (6'3", 220, 1, NL) "Das Wunderkind" has flourished in WCW since his arrival last year ... Son of former wrestler Stephen Wright ... Excellent high-flying moves, but tends to be reckless ... Needs to learn control ... No longer dances before and after matches ... Veteran Ric Flair called Wright "a future superstar" after he gave Flair several anxious moments in recent matches.

55 BOB BACKLUND (6'1", 234, 22, 86) Can you name all of the U.S. Presidents—in order? He can ... Won second WWF World title from Bret Hart last November, but was upended by Diesel in eight seconds three nights later ... Plunged off the deep end and started chicken-winging everybody in sight ... Epitomizes nonsense, scientific wrestling ... Still a great competitor.

56 AL SNOW (6'1", 237, 13, 112) Veteran independent wrestler is finally getting well-deserved recognition ... Excellent high-flying ring tactician has held numerous singles and tag team belts ... Held SMW tag title with Unibomb for three months in 1995 ... Formerly one-half of the new Fabulous Kangaroos with Denny Kass ... One claim to fame is a pinfall victory over Sabu ... Has potential to be major star ... Negotiating with the WWF.

57 JOHNNY B. BADD (6', 235, 5, 51) Former WCW TV champion feuded with Arn Anderson over the belt ... Seemed more preoccupied with boxing Anderson than wrestling him for a while ... Flamboyant, with a superb left-hand finisher ... Excellent top-roped sunset flip ... Makes many appearances on behalf of charities.



Flamboyant Johnny B. Badd

58 BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (5'10", 230, 7, 30) Has held the USWA Southern championship many times ... Fan favorite, but has a volatile temper ... Clever, skilled, and extremely tough ... Had a long feud with Bill Dundee in 1995 ... Elbow injury has sidelined him ... Uses the same fistdrop off the ropes as his hero, Jerry Lawler.

59 TOSHIAKI KAWADA (5'10", 230, 14, 262) Still among elite in All-Japan ... Solid, consistent wrestler who gets the job done, rarely beats himself ... Former tag team partner of Akira Taue ... Once defeated Stan Hansen for Triple Crown championship.

60 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 244, 6, 160) Current ECW champ is managed by Woman ... Has competed in "Singapore caning" and other bizarre, violent matches ... Sometimes defends belt several times on one card ... Habitually smokes in the ring and during interviews ... Currently feuding with both Cactus Jack and Mikey Whipwreck.

61 BRIAN PILLMAN (6', 226, 8, 54) Underwent transformation from "Flyin'" to "California" and back to "Flyin'" ... Rumored to be considering a reunion with former Hollywood Blond teammate Steve Austin ... Excellent aerial wrestler ... Former pro football player (with Cincinnati in the NFL, Calgary in the CFL) ... Twice won now-dormant WCW light heavyweight title.

62 DUSTIN RHODES (6'5", 254, 8, 19) Ended WCW career in dubious fashion after his much-publicized "King Of The Road" match against Blacktop Bully at Uncensored ... Now in WWF as the very strange "Gold Dust" ... Under tremendous pressure as son of legendary wrestler Dusty Rhodes (and it has apparently gotten to him!) ... Former WCW U.S. champion was rising steadily in WCW before Uncensored.

63 SAVIO VEGA (5'11", 250, 11, NL) This Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, native is a close ally and friend of Razor Ramon ... Stormed onto the WWF scene by rescuing Ramon from a double-team attack by Jeff Jarrett and The Roadie at In Your House in May ... Formerly TNT ... Won respect by wrestling four times at King of The Ring ... Ultimately lost to Mabel in the finals of the tournament.

64 KENTA KOBASHI (6'2", 260, 7, 37) One of All-Japan's most talented stars, he excels in both technical and aerial wrestling ... Nicknamed "Orange Crush" for orange outfits ... Has held several tag team titles with Mitsuharu Misawa.

65 KAMA (6'6", 340, 6, NL) A member of Ted DiBiase's Million-Dollar Corporation ... Stole The Undertaker's urn and, for a time, Undertaker's power ... Still can't find a way to actually beat Undertaker, though ... Interfered extensively in the King of the Ring tournament ... Las Vegas native ... Tries to bully opponents by using martial arts moves.

66 EARL ROBERT EATON (6', 233, 19, 84) No longer just plain Bobby Eaton from Huntsville, Alabama ... Tag team specialist is now one-half of The Blue Bloods ... Former WCW TV champion ... Briefly wrestled in Smoky Mountain ... Still uses a tremendous top-roped legdrop he once called his "Alabama jam" ... One-half of The Midnight Express team that dominated the Southern wrestling scene in the 1980s.



Scott "Konnan 2000" Putski

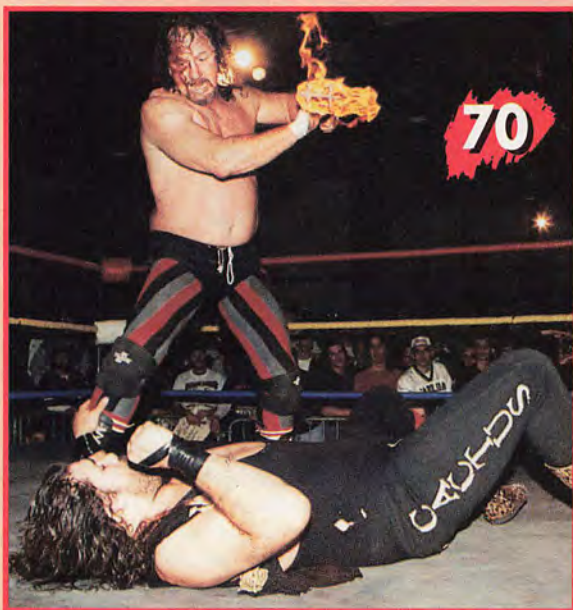
67 SCOTT PUTSKI (6', 235, 9, 109) Former Global North American champion now wrestles in several independent promotions as Konnan 2000 ... Reminds some observers of The Ultimate Warrior ... Out of father Ivan's shadow ... Former Texas Christian University football star ... Also works as a personal trainer.

68 THE PATRIOT (6'4", 251, 7, 79) Masked man was one-half of Stars 'n' Stripes with Marcus Alexander Bagwell in WCW ... Held WCW World tag belts with Bagwell on several occasions, though their reigns were always short ... Talented fan favorite, also

wrestling in Japan, where he is seeking a chance to wrestle for the Triple Crown ... Ex-Global TV and North American champion.

69 STAN HANSEN (6'3", 322, 21, 77) Frequent Japanese competitor only occasionally appears stateside ... Won coveted Triple Crown championship several times ... Broke Bruno Sammartino's neck with famed "lariat" clothesline ... One-time AWA World and WCW U.S. champ ... Occasionally teams with old foe Giant Baba ... Among the toughest, most ornery wrestlers ever.

70 TERRY FUNK (6'1", 247, 30, 33) This rugged 51-year-old is having fun kicking younger wrestlers' butts in the independents ... Texas brawler with underrated scientific skills starring in ECW, NWC, and other independents ... Has had an incredible series of matches with Sabu and Cactus Jack ... Branded Cactus Jack during one bout in ECW ... Former NWA World champ is a widely respected legend.



The Terry Funk-Cactus Jack feud heats up

71 ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER (6'1", 360, 37, 87) The "Bad Man From The Sudan" is arguably the most bloodthirsty wrestler in history ... Not a technical genius, but nobody has ever hidden foreign objects better (if that can be considered a skill) ... Has wrestled virtually everywhere in the world ... Had his chest severely burned by Abbudah Singh in 1994, but went on to win the match before being rushed to the hospital.

77 JIMMY DEL RAY (5'11", 225, 6, 47) "Gigolo" had extensive Japanese experience before joining Tom Prichard in The Heavenly Bodies ... Excellent moonsault ... Bodies recently won both the SMW and USWA tag team belts ... Managed by Jim Cornette in the WWF, USWA, and Smoky Mountain ... Struggles in singles action.

81 BRUISER BEDLAM (5'10", 270, 10, 73) Rough brawler is a former Midwest Territorial heavyweight champion and is feuding with Marty Jannetty and Al Snow ... Competed last year in Smoky Mountain Wrestling under Jim Cornette's guidance ... Managed in MTW by "Handsome" Johnny Bradford, wrestling's only deaf manager ... Has had some wild matches against Snow, Cactus Jack, and Dan Severn.



Gary Albright dominates Japan's UWFI

78 BILLY JACK HAYNES (6'3", 245, 14, NL) The new USWA Southern champion returns to the "PWI 500" after a four-year hiatus ... Lost the belt to Brad Armstrong in August, but regained it three days later ... Oregon native is a former bodybuilding champion who has wrestled most of his career in the Pacific Northwest and Florida ... Held numerous titles in both areas.

79 JEAN-PIERRE LaFITTE (5'11", 255, 3, 138) This wrestler has assumed the identity of a pirate, and it has been speculated that he is stealing

from his fellow wrestlers ... An improving talent, but still has a lot to learn ... Extremely rowdy ... Not afraid to use high-risk maneuvers, like standing on the ring apron while his opponent is on the arena floor, and executing a somersault dive onto him ... Former WWF World tag champ with Jacques Rougeau.

82 BUBBA ROGERS (6'6", 310, 10, 55) Has come full circle in terms of ring monikers ... Started career as Big Bubba and decided to "return to his roots" in January ... Former UWF heavyweight champion ... Starred in the WWF, but has since returned to WCW ... Began career as Jim Cornette's bodyguard ... Hasn't risen above the mid-card status recently, despite frequent name changes.

83 TOM PRICHARD (5'10", 220, 17, 49) Houston native now one-half of Jim Cornette's Heavenly Bodies in the WWF, SMW, and USWA ... The Bodies recently won the SMW and USWA tag team belts ... A six-time former USWA Southern champion ... Tough, talented, smart veteran.

84 HUNTER HEARST HELMSLEY (6'5", 279, 4, 225) Formerly Jean-Paul LeVeque in WCW, he is now snobbing his way through the WWF ... From a very wealthy family in Greenwich, Connecticut ... Also wrestled using the name Terra Ryzing ... Trained by Killer Kowalski ... Finisher is called "The Pedigree."

72 BUDDY LANDELL (6', 236, 15, 382) Part-time preacher, full-time wrestler in Smoky Mountain Wrestling ... Held the Smoky Mountain heavyweight belt until he was stripped of it in July ... The other "Nature Boy" has been feuding with Tracey Smothers and Tony Anthony ... Formerly a member of Jim Cornette's Militia, he turned against his manager after Cornette's interference backfired in a bout against Brad Armstrong.

73 DOUG GILBERT (6'2", 241, 9, 75) Still reeling from the unexpected death of brother Eddie ... Suspended for an indefinite period of time from the USWA for attacking several wrestlers with a crutch ... Former USWA Southern champion ... Currently wrestling in Japan and in the USWA ... Also competed for a while as The Dark Patriot.

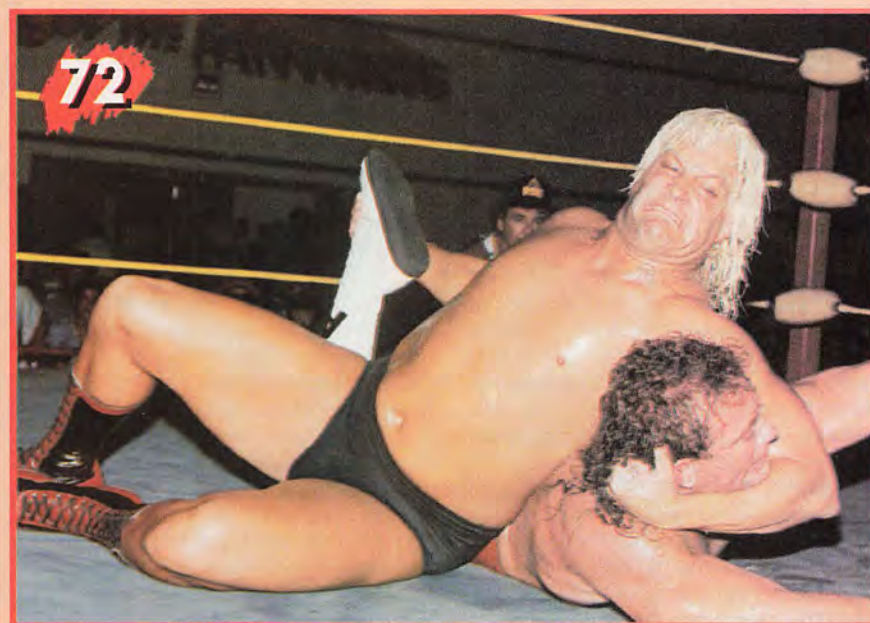
74 GARY ALBRIGHT (6'4", 350, 7, 124) Excellent amateur career ... Consistently one of the world's top 10 international stars ... Dominates the UWFI ... Has a devastating dragon suplex and many other holds ... One of the few men to defeat Nobuhiko Takada.

75 BRUTUS BEEFCAKE (6'4", 273, 12, 108) Has undergone several name changes since returning to WCW ... Along with Kevin Sullivan, he has promised to end the career of former friend Hulk Hogan ... Occasionally wrestles in the WWWA, where he is heavyweight champion ... Completely recovered from 1990 parasailing accident ... Is now Zodiac in Kevin Sullivan's Dungeon of Doom gang.

76 BOB "SPARK PLUGG" HOLLY (6'1", 231, 2, 189) This popular second-year wrestler stalled a little, but is still speeding up the WWF rankings ... Talladega, Alabama, native is an avid racing enthusiast and also races his own car ... Held WWF tag title with The Kid for one day in January 1995 ... Needs consistency to really make an impact.

80 WAYLON MERCY (6'8", 300, 12, 167) Entered the WWF peacefully, but this rule-breaker has demolished all his competition so far ... Loves to shake people's hands, including those of referees and his opponents ... Has a devastating sleeperhold ... Wrestled extensively in Japan prior to joining the WWF.

85 GREG VALENTINE (6', 243, 24, 121) "The Hammer" competes in numerous promotions on the independent circuit ... Still a feared competitor ... Has excellent figure-four leglock and elbowsmash ... Has Intercontinental and U.S. titles to his credit ... Feud with Tito Santana might never end.



Buddy Landell frowns upon wrestling Brad Armstrong

86 SCOTT NORTON (6'3", 360, 6, 60) Minnesota native back in Japan, where he's far better known ... Teamed with Hercules to win IWGP tag team title in 1993 ... One-time arm-wrestling champ ... Massive Verne Gagne protege ... Top contender for IWGP title currently held by Muta ... Briefly competed in WCW.



Scott Norton is back in Japan

87 PSICOSIS (5'10", 200, 4, 197) Defeated El Hijo del Santo for the Mexican welterweight title in two straight falls early this year ... His win catapulted him to superstardom in AAA ... Daredevil style comparable to Sabu or Jushin Liger, but has better ring speed than both ... Years away from prime of his pro career.

88 IRWIN R. SCHYSTER (6'3", 248, 14, 26) A member of DiBiase's Corporation ... Gifted technical wrestler, but has slowed down in recent months because of back problems ... Rumored to be considering leaving the WWF ... Ex-Syracuse University star was formerly Mike Rotundo and Michael Wall Street.

89 BOOKER T (5'11", 250, 5, 260) One-half of Harlem Heat in the WCW ... Has held the WCW World tag team title twice with brother Stevie Ray ... Feuding with The Blue Bloods, Bunkhouse Buck and Dick Slater, and The Nasty Boys over the belts ... Managed by Sherri Martel ... Former Global Wrestling Federation star.

90 ROCCO ROCK (6'2", 251, NA, 207) One-half of Public Enemy, he and partner Johnny Grunge are currently battling with The Gangstas in a very bloody feud ... Hails from "the hood," but won't say which one ... Former ECW tag team champ with Grunge, he is one of the most reckless and popular wrestlers in ECW ... Likes moonsaulting onto tables.

91 STEVE WILLIAMS (6'1", 265, 11, 48) Wrestles almost exclusively in Japan these days, but may return to the U.S.—and possibly to the WWF—soon ... "Dr. Death" is renowned for incredible strength and brutality ... One-time University of Oklahoma football star ... One of the toughest men in the world.

92 MENG (6', 294, 18, NL) Martial arts expert now in WCW ... Rarely speaks; lets his manager Col. Robert Parker do his raving for him ... Defeated Hacksaw Duggan in a martial arts match at WCW Uncensored ... Reached finals of WCW U.S. title tournament this summer, but lost to Sting ... Now teaming with Kurasawa.

93 RICK MARTEL (6', 236, 23, 70) French-Canadian veteran is currently wrestling in several independents ... "The Model" is a former AWA World champion ... Dedicated to his craft ... As "Arrogant" as ever ... Competed in the 1995 Royal Rumble ... Began career at age 16.

94 JOHNNY GRUNGE (6'3", 263, NA, 209) The other half of Public Enemy ... He and partner Rocco Rock are in a heated feud with The Gangstas ... Street style is well-suited to the hardcore ECW ring wars ... Has improved his overall ring skills a lot in the last year.

95 MASA CHONO (5'11", 235, 11, 80) Tokyo native was trained by the legendary Lou Thesz, from whom he learned the STF ... Former NWA champion ... Has extensive U.S. experience in the CWA and WCW ... "Black Jack" has strayed from his usual fan favorite style and is now hated by most of his former fans.

96 BRIAN KNOBS (6'1", 295, 8, 66) He and fellow Nasty Boy Jerry Sags won the WCW tag belts from Harlem Heat in June, but lost them a few weeks later ... Feuding with The Blue Bloods and Harlem Heat ... Allentown, Pennsylvania, native is the toughest of street brawlers.

97 MARCUS ALEXANDER BAGWELL (6'1", 240, 5, 93) Has held WCW World tag team title with The Patriot and 2 Cold Scorpio ... Muscular competitor excels in tag teams ... Solo skills improving, but style is more suited for tag team wrestling ... Looking for a new partner now that Patriot has jumped to Japan.

98 FATU (6'2", 260, 10, 63) Former WWF World tag team champion as one-half of The Headshrinkers ... Brawler, somewhat technically skilled ... Won World Class tag title three times as member of Samoan Swat Team ... Has improved his aerial skills, and is adept at maneuvers off the top rope ... Is trying his hand at singles wrestling and holds several decisive victories over Rad Radford.

99 ULTIMO DRAGON (5'7", 175, 10, 76) This international superstar has been hampered by injuries ... Still one of the best aerial superstars ... Former NWA middleweight champion ... Wrestles in Japan and Mexico ... Embroiled in an intense feud with Chris Jericho.



Rocco Rock moonsaults through ECW

100 BRIAN LEE (6'2", 251, 6, 41) First man ever to be managed by Tammy Fytch ... One of wrestling's rising stars ... Two-time Smoky Mountain heavyweight champ ... Held SMW tag team title with Chris Candido ... Won USWA Southern title in 1995 ... Mainly a rulebreaker since the middle of 1993, Lee was rumored to be the man Ted DiBiase brought to the WWF as The Evil Undertaker.



A nasty slam by Brian Knobs

101 SHARK (6'4", 502, 7, 99) Former sumo wrestler had competed in the WWF before entering WCW ... Transformed from Earthquake to Avalanche to Shark ... One-time tag teammate of Typhoon in Natural Disasters ... Renowned for breaking Hulk Hogan's ribs with splash ... A member of Kevin Sullivan's motley crew bent on destroying Hogan.

107 MARTY JANNETTY (5'11", 230, 11, 157) Competes in several independent promotions in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions ... Left WWF last spring after he and The Kid held World tag team belts for all of one week ... Good technical wrestler ... Former Intercontinental champ ... Recently lost MTW heavyweight title to Al Snow ... Wants to wrestle former teammate Shawn Michaels again.

109 BOBBY BLAZE (6'1", 222, 7, NL) Former mid-card wrestler turned major star and champion in Smoky Mountain ... Won the SMW heavyweight title from Jerry Lawler with a little help from Buddy Landell, who was attempting to aid Lawler ... Native of Charlotte, North Carolina ... Faced NWA champ Dan Severn several times this year ... Should continue to be a major force in SMW for some time.



Unibomb "yanks" on The Undertaker's head

102 RAY GONZALES (6', 230, 5, 95) Still only in his early-20s, this Caribbean aerialist continues to improve ... Has won WWC tag team title with Ricky Santana ... Defeated Eddie Gilbert in several matches in years past.

103 UNIBOMB (6'7", 345, 1, NL) Former SMW tag team champion with Al Snow ... Looks almost exactly like Sid Vicious ... Feuded with The Rock 'n' Roll Express over the SMW belts ... Assumed the persona of Dr. Isaac Yankem in the WWF ... Wants to help Jerry Lawler end Bret Hart's career.

104 JERRY SAGS (6'3", 290, 9, 52) Has held WCW World tag team title with fellow Nasty Boy Brian Knobs on three occasions ... Feuding with Harlem Heat and The Blue Bloods ... Superb flying elbowsmash off top rope ... Extremely intimidating ... Has decent solo skills.

105 BILL DUNDEE (5'7", 214, 21, NL) This crafty veteran has held numerous regional titles ... Ranked 294th in 1993 "PWI 500" ... Wrestles in USWA, occasionally helping son Jamie (J.C. Ice) ... Briefly feuded with Razor Ramon over the USWA belt ... Once managed Lord Steven Regal in WCW.

106 STEVE ARMSTRONG (6'2", 224, 12, 166) Had several classic battles against Buddy Landell when Landell held the Smoky Mountain belt ... Likes to use technical skills rather than brawl ... From a great wrestling family ... Wrestled with Tracey Smothers as a team called The Southern Boys.

108 JOHNNY ACE (6'3", 250, 9, 116) Wrestles for All-Japan ... Currently feuding with Mitsuharu Misawa and Toshiaki Kawada ... One-time flagbearer for The Shepherders in the UWF ... Mostly kicks and punches opponents ... Has some aerial skills.



Jannetty's ready for ex-partner Shawn Michaels

110 MAN MOUNTAIN ROCK (6'6", 350, 8, 177) This guitar-playing wrestler has been rocking in the WWF, much to Bob Backlund's dismay ... Known for years as Maxx Payne, he also wrestled in WCW, where he feuded with Johnny B. Badd ... Makes opponents submit to armbars ... Former WCW tag partner of Cactus Jack.

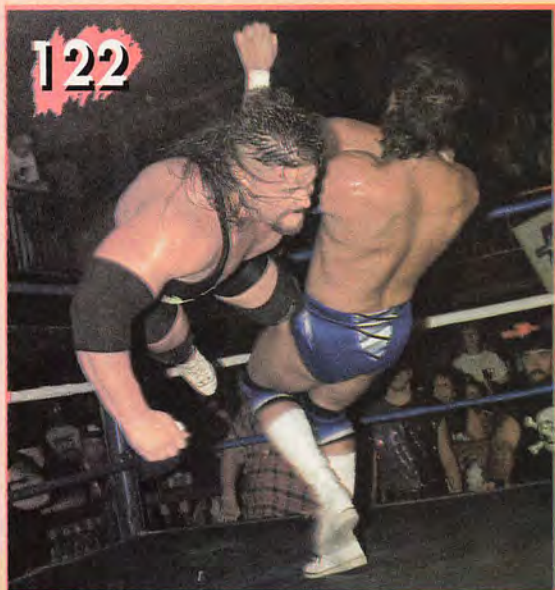
111 "DIAMOND" DALLAS PAGE (6'5", 260, 4, 270) Has shocked everyone with his impressive wrestling skills lately ... Spent most of the year trying to keep Dave Sullivan away from his valet, The Diamond Doll ... Finished first runner-up in PWI's 1992 Rookie of the Year balloting ... Former manager of The Freebirds and Badd Company in the AWA.

112 DAN KROFFAT (5'11", 235, 13, 126) Current Pacific Wrestling Federation junior heavyweight champion ... Intensely feuding with Rob Van Dam ... Holds UWA tag team title with Doug Furnas in Mexico ... Canada native rarely competes in the United States.

113 HACKSAW DUGGAN (6'3", 280, 18, 71) Glens Falls, New York, native still hanging on in WCW ... As patriotic as ever, and still clutching his 2x4 ... Hooooo! ... Faced Meng in an uninspired martial arts match at WCW Uncensored ... A former WCW U.S. champion, Duggan has really been slipping since he lost the belt last December.

114 RAVEN (6'1", 235, 8, NL) Currently one-half of the ECW tag team champions with Steve Richards ... Wrestled in USWA and WWF using the monikers Johnny Polo and Scotty Flamingo ... Briefly managed Adam Bomb in the WWF and helped The Quebecers beat Rick and Scott Steiner for the WWF tag title in 1993 ... Involved in an incredibly brutal feud with Tommy Dreamer.

115 EL HIJO DEL SANTO (5'6", 170, 12, 94) Son of the legendary El Santo ... Competes in AAA ... Had brutal feud against Psicosis ... Has held several Mexican welterweight titles ... Super technical wrestler, he has the ability to find a counter to almost any hold his opponents use on him ... Always increasing his scientific repertoire.



Crash the Terminator powers through PCW

116 DOUG FURNAS (5'11", 243, 9, 110) Oklahoman and former champion weightlifter (he set a world record in 1987) has won multiple tag team titles with Dan Kroffat ... Among the strongest wrestlers anywhere ... Competes in All-Japan and in Mexico.

117 BUNKHOUSE BUCK (6'5", 239, 2, 125) Member of Col. Parker's Stud Stable ... Teamed with fellow stablemate Dick Slater to win the WCW World tag team belts from Harlem Heat in a shocking upset ... Claims to be the real bunkhouse champion ... Hates Rhodes family.

118 DOINK THE CLOWN (5'10", 235, NA, 36) Clones still run rampant in the independents, but the real Doink is still the master of his trade and the only Doink ranked in this survey ... Still has Dink by his side ... Extremely popular with young fans, though starting to annoy some older fans ... Struggled in feuds with Jeff Jarrett and Jerry Lawler.

119 STEVIE RAY (6'1", 244, 6, 224) One-half of Harlem Heat with his brother Booker T ... Held the WCW World tag straps two times ... Feuding with The Nasty Boys and Bunkhouse Buck and Dick Slater ... Always receives help from manager Sister Sherri ... Former GWF champion.

120 LA PARKA (6'1", 235, 8, 229) Former rulebreaker is now getting a lot of support from fans in his feud with Jerry Estrada ... Lost the Mexican light heavyweight title to Estrada, but is trying to regain it ... Wears a skeleton costume ... Absorbs a lot of punishment, but compensates with spectacular flying skills.

121 RON SIMMONS (6'2", 260, 9, 98) The "All-American" is struggling ... Wrestles almost exclusively in ECW and Japan ... Held WCW World title for four months in 1992, but since has faded quickly ... Was featured on cover of *Sports Review Wrestling*, portraying O.J. Simpson in fictional movie ... Former Florida State football star.

122 CRASH THE TERMINATOR (5'10", 230, 5, NL) Current Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Feuding with Johnny Gunn ... Bruiser likes to wrestle outside the ring ... Uses moonsault as a finisher ... Managed by Judd The Studd ... Had tryout with the WWF but never signed with that federation.

123 KAMALA (6'7", 345, 21, 140) "Ugandan Giant" found new life in WCW as a member of Kevin Sullivan's Dungeon of Doom ... Formerly in Eastern independents and WWF ... Former USWA champion underutilizes his size and strength ... Has had at least 10 managers since his career began.

124 BIG TITAN (6'7", 285, 4, NL) A solidly built wrestler who splits his time between Japan and Europe ... Also competed in Canada, where he held Calgary's North American title ... Japan's WAR federation is the site of his vicious war against Genichiro Tenryu ... Tony St. Claire is his most hated rival in Europe.

125 ALDO MONTOYA (6', 225, 3, NL) "Man O' War" is very enthusiastic ... Teamed with both Bob Holly and The Kid ... Excellent aerial ability ... Wears a colorful costume and mask ... Has had trouble with several mid-level wrestlers and is not yet being considered for title matches ... Upset then-Intercontinental champ Jeff Jarrett in non-title match this spring ... Needs to get tougher.

126 NEW JACK (6', 225, 3, 360) A member of the controversial Gangstas, he and partner Mustafa Saed are now terrorizing Public Enemy in ECW ... Former Smoky Mountain Wrestling tag team champion ... He and Saed caused long-time rivals The Rock 'n' Roll Express and Jim Cornette to come together in order to chase them out of the area.

127 NEGRO CASAS (5'7", 180, 16, 111) Some compare this Mexico City native's impressive technical skills to those of Bret Hart and Ric Flair ... Has held numerous middleweight titles throughout the world ... No glaring weaknesses ... Very personable.

128 GENICHIRO TENRYU (6'1", 235, 19, 91) One of the few professional wrestlers with extensive sumo experience ... Suffered broken shoulder last year, but has since recovered ... Initially trained by Terry Funk ... Has held numerous titles in Asia over the years ... Among the craftiest of veterans.

129 MIGUEL PEREZ JR. (6'1", 232, 9, 154) Former WWC star is now wrestling for IWA in Japan ... Feuded with Cactus Jack in EMLL in Mexico and also with Dos Caras and Vampiro Casanova ... Excellent endurance ... Wins most matches that go beyond 30 minutes ... Son of former Latin favorite Miguel Sr.

130 DUKE DROESE (6'5", 306, 8, 155) Former Garbage Man took "The Dumpster" nickname in WWF ... Not faring well in feud with Hunter Hearst Helmsley ... Chicago native formerly competed in Florida ... Ranked last in 1993 "PW/500" ... Still carries a garbage can to the ring with him.



New Jack is now gang-banging in the ECW

131 DICK SLATER (6'1", 235, 26, 139) Former Mid-Atlantic star is now a member of Col. Parker's Stud Stable ... Along with stable-mate Bunkhouse Buck, he holds the WCW World tag team title ... A veteran of regional competition with countless belts to his credit ... Wrestles a lot in Japan ... He and Barbarian won final WCW U.S. tag team title.

137 BOB ORTON JR. (6'1", 245, 23, 123) Former bodyguard for Roddy Piper ... Originator and master of the top-rope superplex ... "Ace" still competes on independent cards ... Lost to Tito Santana in finals of a tournament for the AWF heavyweight title ... Second-generation star.



Jim Neidhart has number 132 locked up

132 JIM NEIDHART (6'1", 275, 16, 61) After a brief return to WWF to help brother-in-law Owen against Owen's brother Bret, "The Anvil" returned to the independent circuit ... Now wrestles all over North America ... Crafty veteran has also wrestled in WCW ... Won WWF tag title with Bret as partner in 1987 and 1990.

133 HENRY GODWINN (6'6", 285, 6, NC) Resident pig farmer in the WWF ... Is struggling in mid-card competition, but is still making some progress ... Was scouted by Ted DiBiase for a while, but he got fed up with some of the nasty things DiBiase was saying about him and threw some slop on the "Million-Dollar Man" during an August broadcast of *WWF Monday Night Raw*.

134 SHINYA HASHIMOTO (5'11", 285, 11, 82) Former IWGP heavyweight champion is one of the best in New Japan ... Trained with The Great Muta, Masa Chono, and Jushin Liger ... Tough, with strong kicks.

135 RICK MORTON (5'11", 228, 17, 96) An aerial star despite his age ... He and Robert Gibson were The Rock 'n' Roll Express, one of the most popular tag teams in history ... Left SMW in early-August ... The Express had allied itself with rival Jim Cornette in his feud with The Gangstas in SMW, but that didn't last ... Has started wrestling in several Tennessee independents.

136 MUSTAFA SAED (6'1", 244, NA, NL) One-half of the very controversial Gangstas, along with New Jack ... Terrorized the Smoky Mountain Wrestling area and Jim Cornette ... Now in ECW feuding with Public Enemy ... Never shows opponents any mercy.

138 JOHNNY GUNN (6'3", 255, 10, 179) Popular veteran has formed a successful team with Jim Powers in the AWF ... Continues to feud with King Kahlua in many East Coast independents ... Noted for strength, stamina, and all-around wrestling ability ... Brutal feud with Crash the Terminator continues in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling.

139 PIT BULL II (6'2", 231, 5, NL) Classic brawler ... Teammate of Pit Bull I ... Extremely powerful ... Shows no mercy to opponents ... Trains with a heavy-bag, like a boxer, to get his fists as hard as possible ... Can kayo opponents with crushing headbutts.

140 BRIAN ARMSTRONG (6'4", 240, 3, 392) "The Roadie" served most of the year as Jeff Jarrett's interfering sidekick ... Showed excellent wrestling skills in a feud against The Kid in the WWF ... Left the WWF after a dispute with officials and is now wrestling in Smoky Mountain Wrestling ... The youngest of the Armstrong clan ... Participated in Operation Desert Storm.



Hashimoto shines for New Japan



Johnny Gunn bulldogs Hack Myers

141 BILLY GUNN (6'3", 256, 3, 256) He and brother Bart—The Smokin' Gunns—won the WWF World tag team title from Bob Holly and The Kid in January 1995 ... Lost the belts to Owen Hart and Yokozuna at WrestleMania XI ... Excellent physique ... Very popular with female fans.

142 PIT BULL I (6'3", 243, 5, 180) Combines savagery with good technical knowledge ... Feuding with Raven and Steve Richards in ECW ... Powerslam is one of the most devastating in the sport ... Also uses the "Frankenstein" ... Still pursuing the ECW tag team title.

143 JUSHIN LIGER (5'6", 200, 12, 21) Still the standard by which all aerial wrestlers are judged ... Had to vacate IWGP junior heavyweight title in September of 1994 when he broke his ankle ... Spent most of year rehabilitating his ankle, but returned in mid-summer ... Has held IWGP junior heavyweight title several times ... Appears very infrequently on this continent.

144 MO (6'1", 260, 4, 208) Mabel's partner in Men on a Mission in the WWF ... Injured for a while, but has come back strong ... Briefly held the WWF World tag team title with Mabel in 1994 ... Acted as Mabel's second while injured ... Was dubbed "Sir" Mo by Mabel after Mabel won the 1995 King of the Ring.

145 KURASAWA (6'1", 250, NA, NL) The newest member of Col. Parker's Stud Stable ... Has extensive experience wrestling in his native Japan ... Broke Hawk's arm when he attacked him after a match at Clash of the Champions XXXI.

146 JACOB BLU (6'4", 260, 7, 237) He and twin brother Eli are now in the WWF ... Formerly known as The Bruise Brothers in Smoky Mountain, WCW, USWA, and ECW ... Former Smoky Mountain tag team champion ... As strong as his size would indicate ... Managed by Uncle Zebakiah.



Jacob Blu bruising his way through the WWF

147 KING KONG BUNDY (6'4", 446, 19, 181) A member of Ted DiBiase's Million-Dollar Corporation in the WWF ... Had a brief tenure in the independents before returning to the WWF in 1994 ... Very intimidating, but his skills aren't as sharp as they used to be.

148 MASCARA ANO DOS MIL (5'10", 228, 14, NL) Currently Mexico's IWC heavyweight champion ... Beat Perro Aguayo for the belt earlier this year ... Mainly a kicker and puncher ... Noted for breaking Pepsi bottles (IWC's sponsor) over opponents' heads ... Has no qualms about retaining his title via losses by disqualification.

149 JIMMY SNUKA (6', 250, 26, 120) This cagey veteran still has a devastating flying bodypress off the top turnbuckle ... Regularly competes in independents throughout North America ... Fans sometimes ignore his non-aerial skills.

150 JOHNNY SMITH (6', 235, 13, 156) Mainly wrestles for All-Japan and in Calgary ... Feuding with Lance Storm ... Held Calgary North American title for a few weeks, but lost it to Canadian Black Bart ... Past tag team partners include Dynamite Kid and Johnny Ace.

152 GORGEOUS GEORGE III (5'10", 225, 4, NL) Raleigh, North Carolina, native has an extensive amateur background ... Has wrestled in both SMW and USWA ... Had a tryout with WWF, where he was managed by Harvey Wippleman ... Claims to be the grandson of Gorgeous George, but few believe him.

152 TOMMY CAIRO (6'3", 257, 4, 128) "Ironman" feuded with Tommy Dreamer and Sandman in ECW before moving on to the NWA ... Defeated Devon Storm in a tournament final for the NWA North American title on June 24 in Williamstown, New Jersey ... A top contender for Dan Severn's NWA heavyweight title.

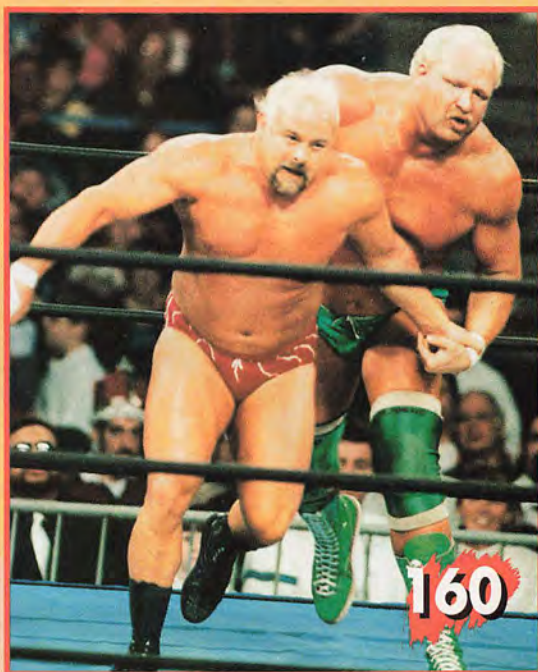
153 AKIRA TAUE (6'5", 265, 7, 118) Former sumo wrestler is now excelling in All-Japan ... Tag team champ with Toshiaki Kawada ... Has beaten just about everyone in All-Japan ... Magnificent choke-slam.

154 THE GREAT SASUKE (5'8", 190, 5, 132) Hottest young Japanese wrestler in Mexico ... Beat Jushin Liger for "Super J" cup ... Stars in Michinoku Pro in extreme northeast Japan ... One of wrestling's best pure flyers ... Frequent injuries have hampered his abilities.

155 T. RANTULA (6'5", 295, 8, 227) The current Steel City Wrestling and American Commonwealth Wrestling heavyweight champion ... This giant continues to get better ... Managed by the cunning Black Widow, whose constant interference has helped Rantula keep his belts on many occasions ... Recently engaged in a violent feud with Cactus Jack ... Reminiscent of legendary madman Bruiser Brody.



NWA North American champ Tommy Cairo



Dave Sullivan no longer beats on brother Kevin

156 TATSUMI FUJINAMI (6'1", 238, 24, 131) Held IWGP heavyweight title for several months before losing it to Shinya Hashimoto in May of 1994 ... One of Japan's wrestling greats ... Stellar Scorpion deathlock ... Former WWF World junior heavyweight champion has also competed in WCW.

157 KEN SHAMROCK (6', 220, 6, NL) A major wrestling star in Japan even before he started competing in the Ultimate Fighting Championship ... First Japan-recognized Pancrase heavyweight champion ... Recognized as current UFC champion after defeating Dan Severn.

158 VIC STEAMBOAT (6'1", 243, 9, 113) Current Century Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion ... Great scientific wrestler in the style of his older brother Rick ... Excellent flying bodypress.

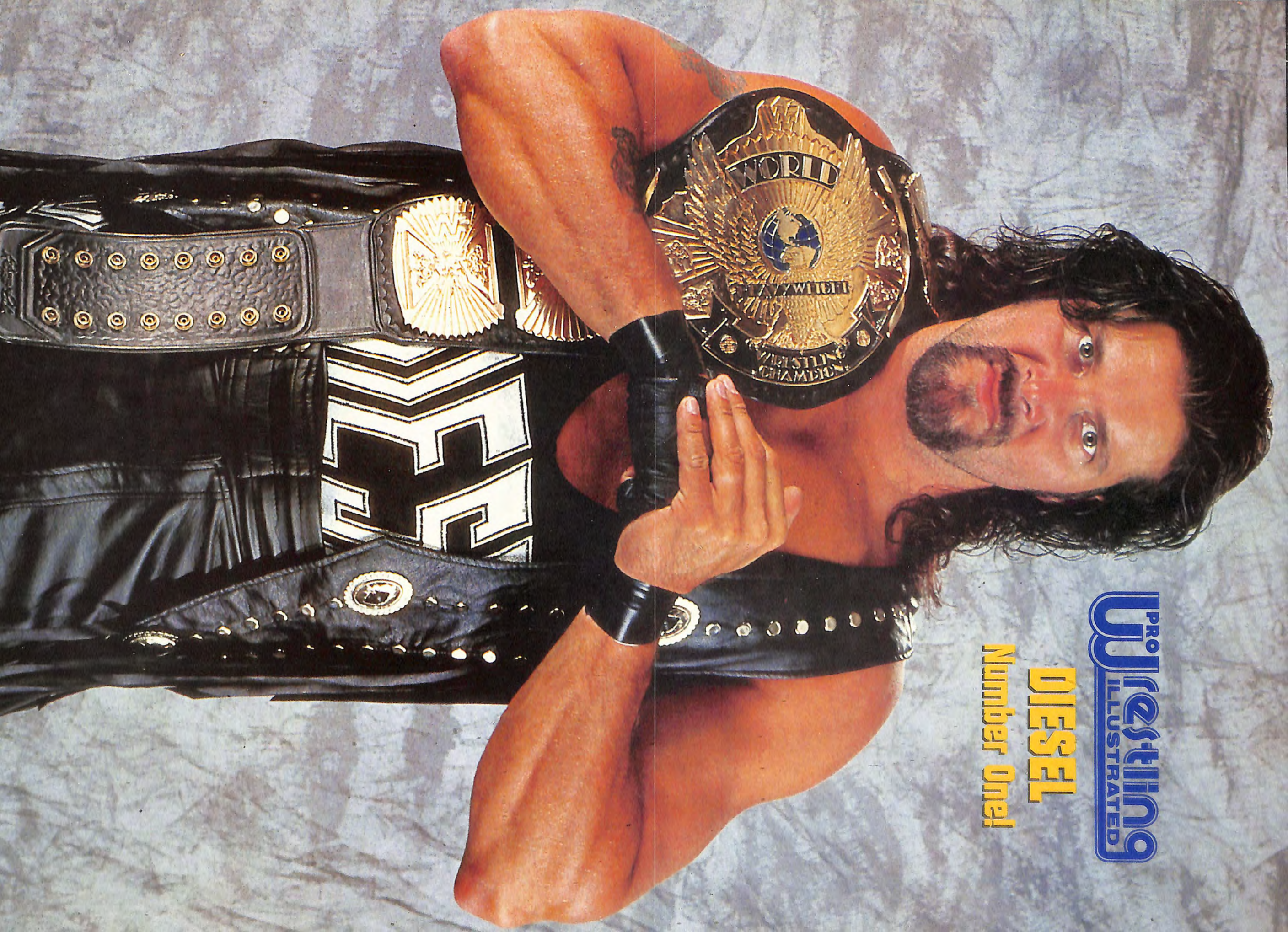
159 ELI BLU (6'5", 257, 11, 233) No longer a Bruise Brother with twin brother Don "Jacob Blu" Harris ... Both are now in the WWF ... Former Pacific Northwest champion ... Former Smoky Mountain tag team champion ... Style is reminiscent of Bruiser Brody.

160 DAVE SULLIVAN (6'3", 250, 4, 275) Currently feuding with "Diamond" Dallas Page and not doing well ... Has dated The Diamond Doll several times ... Kevin Sullivan's dyslexic brother became the ultimate Hulk Hogan groupie ... Formerly "Equalizer" starred in Pacific Northwest, then Japan.

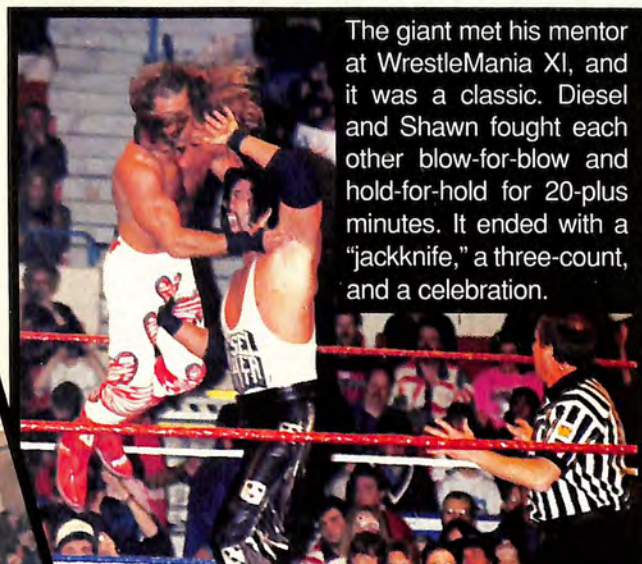
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The giant met his mentor at WrestleMania XI, and it was a classic. Diesel and Shawn fought each other blow-for-blow and hold-for-hold for 20-plus minutes. It ended with a "jackknife," a three-count, and a celebration.



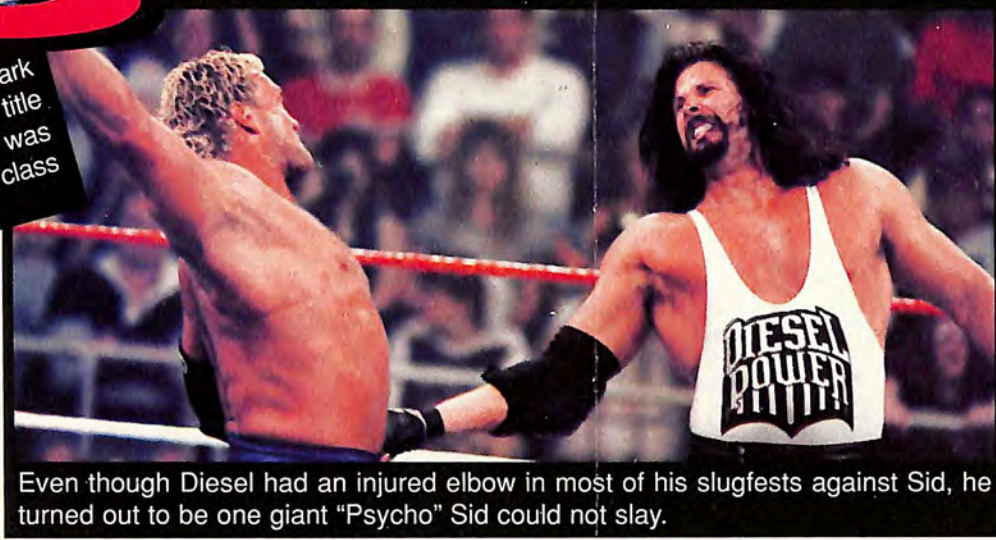
Jeff Jarrett was Intercontinental champ when he was derailed by Diesel in a series of matches last winter. Diesel—with help from his big boot—made this champ look like a chump.



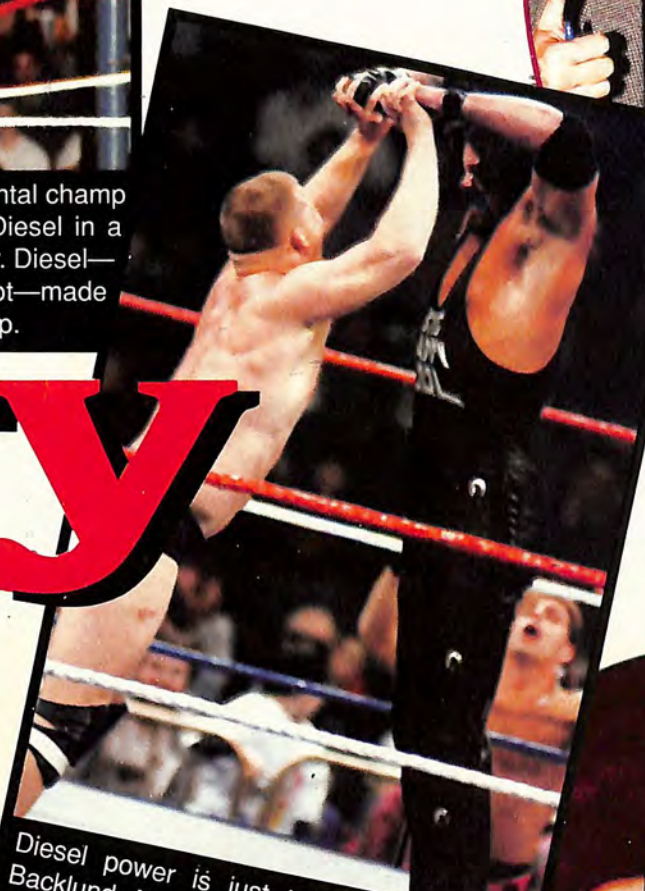
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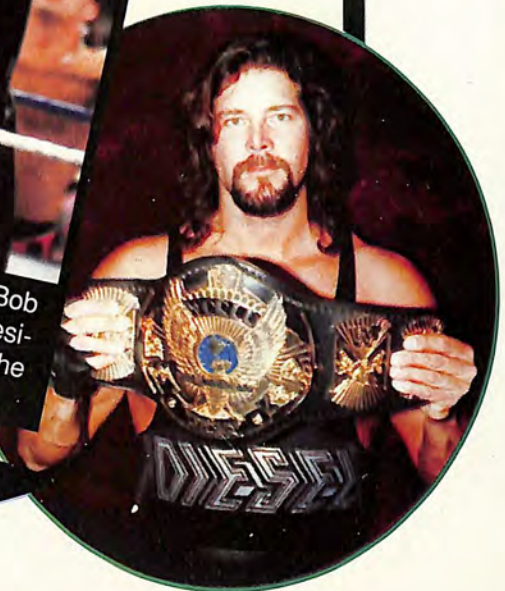
Many felt an encounter with Bret Hart at the 1995 Royal Rumble would mark the end of "Big Daddy Cool's" World title reign. When the match was over, it was clear Diesel belonged in the same class with "The Hitman."

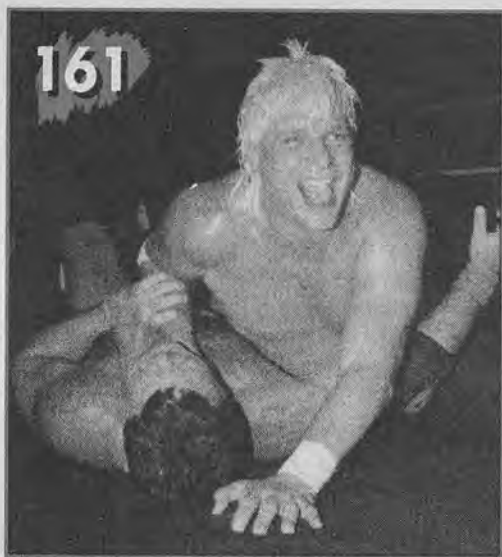


Even though Diesel had an injured elbow in most of his slugfests against Sid, he turned out to be one giant "Psycho" Sid could not slay.



Diesel power is just too much for Bob Backlund. Mr. Backlund might have presidential aspirations, but Diesel still rules the WWF with an iron-fisted grip.





Rich is spreading like wildfire in SMW

161 TOMMY RICH (6', 248, 18, 89) Former NWA World champion is now back in the USWA and SMW ... Feuded with Jerry Lawler and Brian Christopher in the USWA ... Has teamed with PG-13 in SMW vs. USWA battles with Robert Gibson, Tracey Smothers, and Buddy Landell.

162 TYPHOON (6'7", 384, 11, 78) After brief run in the WWF, he is back on the independent circuit ... Earthquake's partner in The Natural Disasters, former WWF World tag team champions ... Has also competed as U.S. Steel, Big Steel Man, Tugboat, and Shockmaster.

163 STEVE RICHARDS (6' 2", 225, 3, NL) Currently one-half of the ECW tag team champions with Raven ... Involved in a weird feud with Tommy Dreamer and Luna Vachon ... Claims to be master of the superkick ... Has tossed out all his scientific training and prefers rulebreaking ... Lost by submission to Luna in a steel cage match.

164 BASTION BOOGER (6', 404, 16, 357) Revolting ex-WWF star is now making people sick on the Midwest independent circuit ... Obese brawler has formed a unlikely team with Scott D'Amore ... Also occasionally wrestles in the NWA and other Mid-Atlantic independents.

165 TERRY GORDY (6'4", 289, 15, 212) "Bamm Bamm" has wrestled all over the world and has held numerous titles during his travels ... One-third of the original Freebirds ... Now in Smoky Mountain, but still makes frequent trips to Japan ... Big, brutal brawler is still very hard to beat ... Has formed a tag team with former enemy Tommy Rich.

166 AXL ROTTEN (6'2", 302, 7, 298) Spent most of year in a brutal, bloody feud with brother Ian in ECW, whom he battered with a wide array of dangerous foreign objects, including a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire ... Recently departed ECW for somewhat calmer USWA ... Tried to wrestle a technical match against Cactus Jack once this summer, but it quickly turned bloody.

167 SCOTT ARMSTRONG (6'1", 214, 12, 194) Still teams with brother Steve on occasion in various independents ... Has a great superkick ... Small, good technically ... Has improved his aerial skills.

168 JAMIE DUNDEE (5'8", 195, 4, 243) Known as J.C. Ice in tag team PG-13 with partner Wolfie D ... Held the USWA tag team straps several times ... Son of legendary Bill Dundee, with whom he sometimes teams ... Lost to Miss Texas a few years ago ... A Memphis mainstay.

169 ROBERT GIBSON (5'11", 225, 18, 103) Rock 'n' Roll Express star has had solid solo career ... Won SMW tag team belts with Morton numerous times, but lost them most recently to Al Snow and

Unibomb ... Recovered from reconstructive knee surgery ... Looking for a new regular partner now that Morton has left SMW to compete in other Tennessee promotions.

170 KAMALA II (6', 430, 8, NL) A carbon copy of the original savage from Uganda ... Wrestles mostly for All-Japan ... Steady tag team partner of Abdullah the Butcher ... Current feud is against Dan Kroffat and Doug Furnas ... Also competes as Bostwana Beast in Georgia independents ... Finisher is a flying splash.

171 VIRGIL (5'11", 230, 10, 162) Wrestling in various independent promotions all across the United States ... Briefly returned to WWF to feud with Nikolai Volkoff, who had succeeded him as Ted DiBiase's lackey ... Excellent hand speed, always very determined ... Never underestimate him.



Axl's finished his rotten feud with brother Ian

172 MIL MASCARAS (5'11", 245, 31, 188) The most famous Mexican wrestler in history ... Name means "Man Of 1,000 Masks" ... Still wrestles frequently in both Mexico and Japan, using his famed flying bodypress ... Most recent tour of Japan saw him team in six-man tag team bouts with Bob Backlund and Jimmy Snuka as partners.



Robert Gibson is now rockin' on his own

173 THE BLUE PANTHER (5'5", 205, 17, 152) Considered one of Mexico's premier technical wrestlers ... Noted for knowing more submission holds than anyone in the country ... Has been called the Mexican Dory Funk Jr., using the same classic style ... Now in a battle with Octagon ... Both hated and loved by fans at various junctures of his career.

174 HEAVY METAL (5'7", 180, 7, NL) Comes from a great wrestling family ... The younger brother of Negro Casas and son of Pepe Casas ... Resembles rock star Jon Bon Jovi ... Considered a heartthrob by female fans ... Fan support has helped him make some amazing comebacks ... Very acrobatic ... Hopes to compete in Japan and the United States this year.

175 WOLFIE D (6'1", 250, 4, 279) Tag team partner of J.C. Ice in PG-13 ... Held the USWA tag team belts on several occasions, last losing them to The Heavenly Bodies ... Still can wrestle solo, still as crazy as ever.

176 **MR. HUGHES** (6'5", 308, 7, 68) Well-dressed rulebreaker appears regularly on independent cards all across the United States ... Stoic ex-WWF competitor lets his wrestling do the talking ... Quite agile for his size ... Played football at Kansas State ... Once managed by Harvey Wippleman ... Formerly in ECW.



Hughes, tie and all, wrestles in U.S. independents

180 **IAN ROTTEN** (6', 294, 5, 301) Even less of a scientific wrestler than brother Axl ... Spent whole year brutalizing Axl in a bloody war in bloodthirsty ECW ... Formerly Zak Blades ... Never known to wrestle clean matches ... Briefly in USWA when he and Axl were tag team partners.

181 **LA LEY** (6'2", 244, 5, 164) Caribbean version of Big Bossman ("La Ley" means "the law" in Spanish) ... Puerto Rican police officer stars in WWC ... One-time rulebreaker will use nightstick when necessary.

182 **CHRIS EVANS** (6'1", 239, 9, 397) Current WWA heavyweight champion ... Beat former "Super Jock" partner Ed Atlas to win the held-up title ... Formerly known as Chris Weider ... Once again a fan favorite in his feud with Atlas and manager Eddie Reality ... Very good technical wrestler.

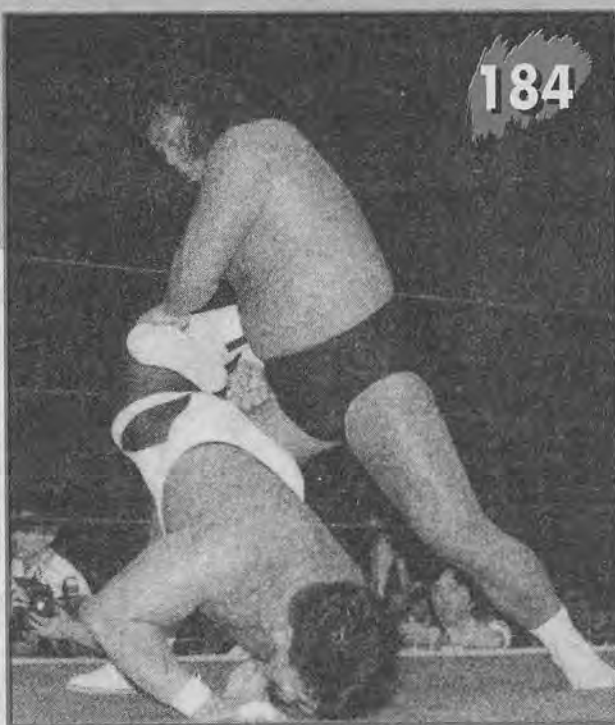
183 **LIZMARK** (5'6", 190, 20, 214) Acapulco, Mexico, native is competing in the EMLL ... Former Mexican light heavyweight champion ... Despite being over 40 years old, he is still quite quick and agile.

177 **CARLOS COLON** (5'10", 246, 30, 216) Most popular wrestler in Puerto Rican history ... Has held the WWC Universal title many times during his career ... Continuing long-running, bloody feud with Abdullah the Butcher ... Also currently feuding with veteran Hercules Ayala.

184 **RIKI CHOSHU** (6', 246, 21, 85) Excellent amateur wrestler ... An Asian wrestling legend ... Still a star in New Japan ... Former IGWP heavyweight champion also won titles in Mexico ... Represented South Korea in the 1972 Olympics before turning pro.

178 **STEVEN DUNN** (5'10", 237, 11, 170) Was one-half of Well Dunn in Smoky Mountain and WWF, where they got a series of title matches against then-World tag team champs The Smokin' Gunns ... Formerly Steve Doll, this aerial star is now back in the USWA ... Competent singles wrestler.

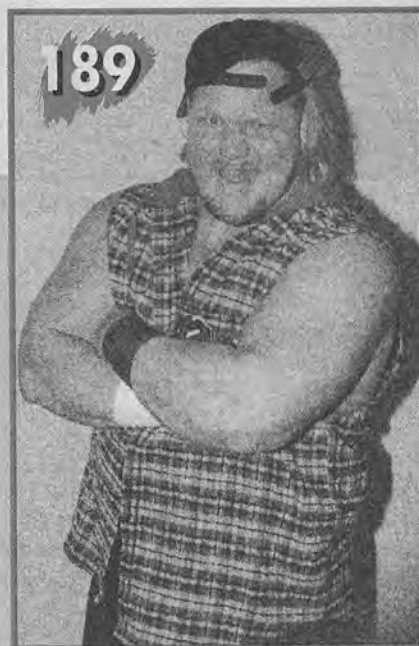
179 **FANTASIO** (6'4", 273, 3, 452) Formerly known as The Spellbinder in the USWA, he is now working his magic in the WWF ... Once the closest ally of Sid Vicious in the USWA ... Nearly died from a gunshot wound he suffered while at a party in New York City a few years ago ... Very competitive, but is also very sneaky ... Uses magic tricks to amaze crowds.



Choshu represented South Korea in the Olympics

185 **DICK MURDOCH** (6'4", 280, 26, 196) Kicked some young butt in the 1995 Royal Rumble ... Mean old Texan is still one of the world's toughest brawlers ... Held the WWF World tag team title in 1984 with Adrian Adonis ... Has wrestled virtually all over the world ... Seconded Bob Backlund for a few matches in 1995.

186 **CANEK** (5'11", 235, 23, 117) One of the most recognizable faces in Mexican wrestling ... Held UWA heavyweight championship many times ... Feuded with Mili Mascaras for many years, but neither man scored a decisive victory.



Grunge rocker Radford is in WWF

187 **PERRO AGUAYO** (5'10", 215, 26, 223) One of Mexico's greats ... Currently feuding with Mascara Ano Dos Mil ... Most popular veteran in Mexico ... Has held countless light heavyweight titles ... Terrific brawler.

188 **JUVENTUD GUERRERA** (5'5", 165, 3, NL) Former Mexican lightweight champion ... Lost the belt to Rey Mysterio Jr. on June 16 ... Only 18 years old, but said to be a blue-chip prospect ... Mexican press touts him as a future superstar ... Uses a scientific style mixed with excellent high-flying moves, similar to that of Chris Benoit.

189 **RAD RADFORD** (5'10", 248, 6, NL) Rulebreaking grunge rocker made his WWF debut this spring ... Currently feuding with Fatu ... Although relatively new, has already looked fairly good in a series of matches against Shawn Michaels ... Can only improve in the WWF.

190 **JUN AKIYAMA** (5'11", 225, 3, 119) Already among All-Japan's best ... Was an alternate freestyle wrestler on 1992 Olympic team ... Adjusted to professional game quickly ... Trained by Kenta Kobashi ... Well-conditioned, has plenty of raw talent.

191 PAT TANAKA (5'10", 226, 10, NL) Former AWA World tag team champion as a member of Badd Company ... Now in the USWA ... Has also wrestled in WCW as a member of The Orient Express ... Last appeared in the 1991 "PWI 500" at number 147.

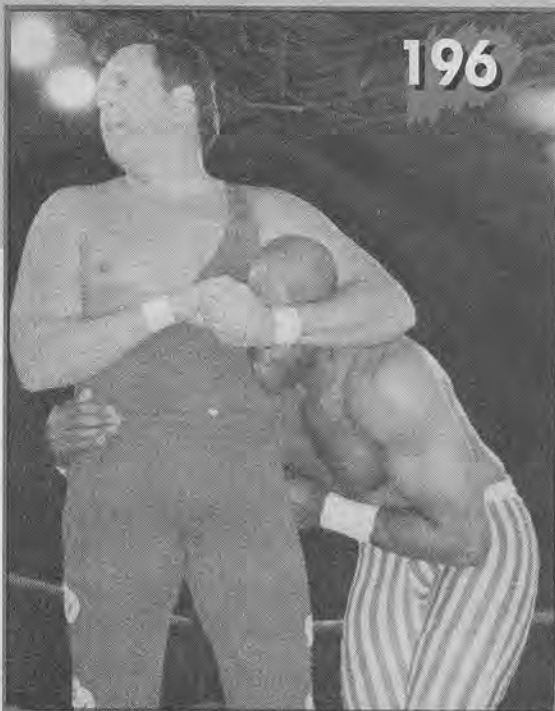
192 BOBBY FULTON (5'10", 220, 15, 306) Current Triple Crown champion of James Hines Promotions in Ohio ... Regularly competes in Japan and in several U.S. independents... Reunited with Tommy Rogers as The Fantastics at several WCW TV tapings this year; they didn't fare well.

193 TAKAYUKI IIZUKA (6'2", 230, 9, 127) New Japan star continues to get better ... Brilliant suplex, superb repertoire of moves ... One of the world's best aerial wrestlers ... Once had classic bout with Owen Hart ... Has an excellent future ahead of him.

194 SUPER DELFAN (5'7", 170, 6, 246) Exceptionally quick Japanese wrestler who possesses a powerful DDT ... Top rival to The Great Sasuke ... Lost to Jushin Liger in junior heavyweight tournament last year.

195 BART GUNN (6'3", 256, 3, 252) One-half of The Smokin' Gunns, he and brother Billy won the WWF World tag staps in January 1995 ... Lost the belts to Owen Hart and Yokozuna at WrestleMania XI ... Blends power and speed very well.

196 THE HONKY TONK MAN (6'1", 256, 16, 349) Competes in the National Wrestling Conference in Las Vegas, as well as other independents ... Still an Elvis lookalike, still hated by fans ... Had longest tenure of any WWF Intercontinental champion ... Renewed rivalry with Ultimate Warrior in NWC earlier this year.



Honky Tonk Man still looks like Elvis, even in NWC



Former USWA Rookie of the Year is on top of OMW

197 MIKEY WHIPWRECK (5'7", 181, 2, 202) This young ECW competitor is trying his best to get to the top ... Shocked the wrestling world last year when he won the ECW TV title from Pit Bull I ... Scored a non-title victory over ECW champ The Sandman this summer ... Still struggles in almost every match, but is vastly improved.

198 SAMU (6'4", 260, 14, 67) He and fellow Headshrinker Fatu held the WWF World tag team title for four months in 1994, getting help from Capt. Lou Albano and Afa ... Crazy alumnus of Samoan Swat Team is now competing in various independent federations ... Teaming with Tonga Kid in the AWF.

199 ROB VAN DAM (6', 227, 5, 129) Former IWF TV champ is now competing in Midwest independents and in Japan ... Has had some wild matches against Sabu in the NWC ... Excellent split-legged moonsault ... Kickboxes as a hobby ... Also known as Robby V ... Briefly competed in WCW.

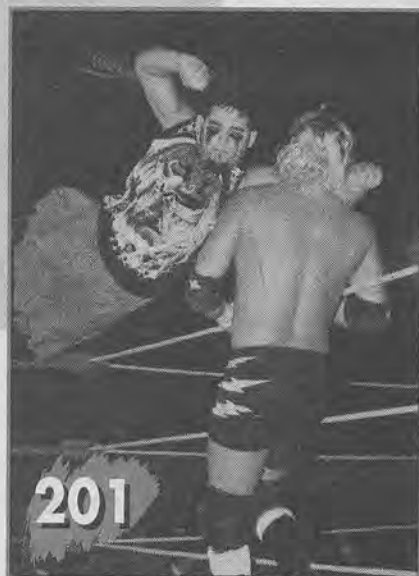
200 COLORADO KID (6'3", 236, 2, NL) Current Ozark Mountain Wrestling North American heavyweight champion ... 1994 USWA Rookie of the Year ... Nashville native ... Holds pinfall wins over Cactus Jack, Buddy Landell, Tommy Rich, and Mike Samples.

201 HEADBANGER MOSH (6', 243, 4, NL) Uses any foreign object he can get his hands on ... Regularly bites his opponents ... Uses many high-risk maneuvers ... Is competent not only as a tag team wrestler (with fellow Headbanger Thrasher), but also in singles ... Master of the clothesline.

202 JIMMY DEO (6', 252, 8, 311) "The Maniac" is one-half of the PCW tag team champions Assault and Battery ... Managed by Capt. Lou Albano ... Shed almost 90 pounds recently, increasing his speed and stamina without losing his strength ... Now popular with fans in PCW.

203 HEADBANGER THRASHER (6'2", 245, 4, NL) The larger of the two Headbangers, but just as fast and agile as Mosh ... A genuine brawler ... Unfortunately, the brains of the team ... Wears an earring and chain through one of his nostrils ... Good top-rope dropkick.

204 JIM POWERS (5'11", 351, 9, NL) Former WWF competitor is the PCW U.S. heavyweight champion ... Defeated Jeff Jarrett to win the belt on July 22 ... Relies on strength during matches, but is capable of executing some aerial maneuvers if he needs to ... Former partner of Paul Roma in the WWF ... Ranked 279th in 1993 "PWI 500."



Mosh levels the competition in SMW

205 ACE DARLING (6', 221, 3, NL) Current WWWA light heavyweight champ ... Made his pro debut against Skinner in Portland, Maine, in 1992 ... Wrestles for several independents in the Mid-Atlantic area, including the NWA ... High-flyer is involved in an intense feud with Devon Storm.

206 DEVON STORM (6'3", 241, 3, NL) Currently one-half of the ECWA tag team champions, and a former ECWA heavyweight champion ... "Dangerous" Devon debuted against Ace Darling in March 1993, and is still feuding with him today ... New Jersey native ... Rulebreaking high-flyer.

207 DEMOLITION AX (6'2", 303, 8, 198) A founding member of Demolition ... Often wrestles in Georgia independents and in other places ... He and Smash were three-time former WWF World tag team champions ... Also competed as Axis the Demolisher.

208 FUERZA GUERRERA (5'7", 175, 17, NL) Holder of the IWC middleweight title ... Former bodybuilder who combines strength and aerial moves ... Trained stars such as Octagon, who is now his most hated rival ... Uses the Scorpion deathlock as his finishing hold ... Also a master of the power bomb.

209 AKIRA NOGAMI (5'9", 216, 8, 74) A mainstay in New Japan ... Defeated Jushin Liger twice for the IWGP junior heavyweight title ... Struggled a bit last year, but has since bounced back.

210 "INVADER" JOSE GONZALES (5'10", 227, 26, 130) This former WWF competitor was known for wearing a silver mask, but he now wrestles without one ... Captured two WWC tag team titles with El Bronco I as a partner ... Very tough and fearless.

211 VAMPIRE WARRIOR (6'3", 256, 7, 235) Mysterious fanged rulebreaker wrestles in ECW, Florida independents, and in Japan ... Husband of Luna Vachon, though she has backed Tommy Dreamer in his feud with Warrior ... Beat Jeff Jarrett for USWA Southern title in 1993 ... 1993 PWI Rookie of the Year.

212 KOKO B. WARE (5'9", 229, 15, 149) Regularly competing in several independents, including the AWF ... Formerly in the USWA, where he feuded with Reggie B. Fine ... Still has macaw Frankie by his side ... Was once a tag team partner of Owen Hart.

213 DORY FUNK JR. (6'2", 250, 31, 147) Former NWA World champion is still a fixture in Japan, and also still competes in the U.S. ... Opponents often submit to his famed spinning toe-hold ... Teaches a Japanese language course at a Florida junior college.



Devon is storming through ECWA

214 JEFF GAYLORD (6'3", 280, 10, 282) Former USWA Southern champion now wrestles occasionally in Texas independents ... "Missouri Tiger" played for NFL's Los Angeles Rams ... Superb backbreaker ... Won USWA tag team title with Jeff Jarrett.

215 JERRY ESTRADA (5'10", 220, 18, 201) One of Mexico's most respected veterans ... Current Mexican light heavyweight champion is now feuding with La Parka for it ... Has plenty of superb moves ... Can suplex two wrestlers at once.

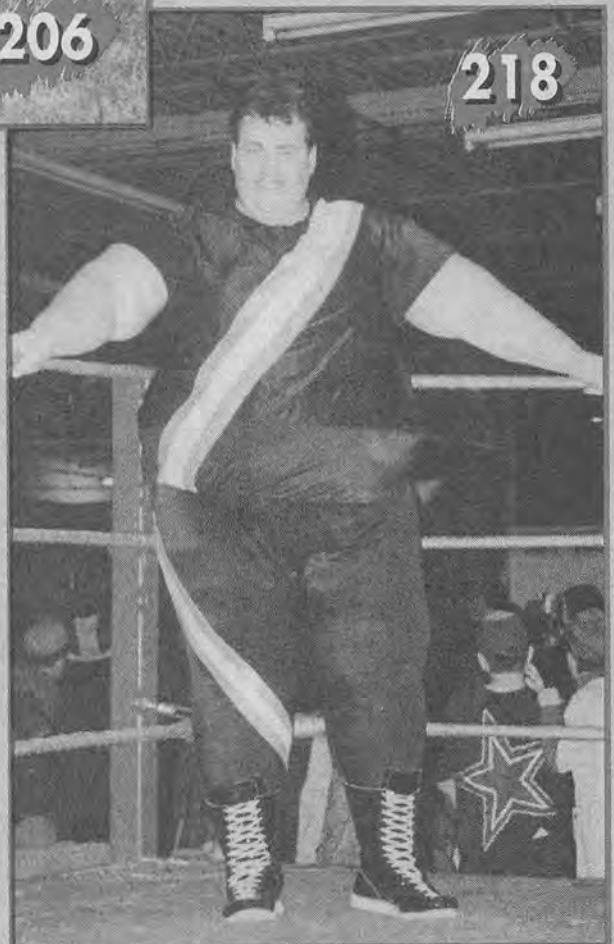
216 THE HATER (6'4", 265, 6, 137) Possibly the most despised wrestler in the Twin Cities area ... A foulmouthed rulebreaker ... Formerly known as The Punisher ... Has feuded with Tommy Ferrara.

217 ITALIAN STALLION (6'3", 260, 12, 213) Still the main attraction in the PWF ... Has resumed a long-running feud with George South ... Has appeared on both WWF and WCW cards ... Holds world record for spaghetti-eating—one pound in 17 seconds!

218 FRANK FINNEGAN (6'5", 588, 2, 222) "Friendly" Frank became "Fighting" Frank for a while, but quickly dumped manager Tricky Nicky in favor of the fans' support ... Two-time former WWA heavyweight champion lost the belt to The Super Jocks in a handicap match ... Delaware City, Delaware, native has also feuded with King Kong Bundy and Nikolai Volkoff.

219 JUNKYARD DOG (6'3", 305, 16, 146) Now competing in the NWC ... Occasionally appears on other independent cards ... Has managed to keep weight down after dropping a few pounds last year ... Popular competitor whose best maneuver remains the headbutt.

220 DUTCH MANTEL (5'11", 224, 22, 150) This veteran competitor has wrestled throughout the world ... Most recently, he has been competing in Puerto Rico and feuding with Carlos Colon ... Has held numerous belts in several federations ... Calls his leather whip "shoo baby" ... Also in the WWF as Uncle Zebakiah, manager of Eli and Jacob Blu.



"Friendly" Frank is once again a favorite in WWA

221 SGT. CRAIG PITTMAN (6'2", 270, 1, NL) Former Marine defeated Bryant Anderson in his pro debut on February 5, 1994 ... Excellent amateur wrestler, he holds 17 all-military titles and two national titles ... "Code Red" shoulder/arm submission hold is well-respected.



Pittman gains respect with "Code Red"

222 PAUL ROMA (5'11", 235, 9, 92) Left WCW and is now competing in several New York independents ... Teamed with Paul Orndorff in rulebreaking "Pretty Wonderful" tag team ... Former WWF tag team competitor is also a Four Horsemen alumnus ... Has professional boxing experience.

223 KILLER KYLE (6'2", 292, 7, 193) Mysterious man in black is involved in an ongoing feud with Boo Bradley in Smoky Mountain ... Was managed by Jim Cornette and served as his bodyguard for a time ... Still needs to improve his overall skills.

224 OCTAGON (5'7", 190, 6, 228) A native of Mexico City, he is a former lawyer whose love of wrestling led him to his current profession ... Combines a high-flying style with martial arts moves ... One of the most popular wrestlers in Mexico, his nickname is "Idol Of The Children" ... Likenesses of his mask sell very well in Mexico.

225 MIKE SAMPLES (6'2", 252, 4, 104) Successful on the independent scene ... Built like a construction worker ... Calculating mind ... Wrestled in USWA under the management of Bert Prentice ... Also refereed there for a while.

226 NIKOLAI VOLKOFF (6'7", 280, 27, 134) Left the WWF after serving as Ted DiBiase's lackey for a few months ... Now wrestles in several independents throughout the U.S., including the IWF ... Solid fundamental wrestler ... Held the WWF tag title with The Iron Sheik.

227 "DIAMOND" TIMOTHY FLOWERS (6', 243, NA, 294) Current International champion of West Coast Championship Wrestling ... Body is scarred from his many cage match wars... Had also competed in UWA.

228 GLENN OSBOURNE (6'2", 265, 6, 320) This tough competitor is a former WWWA Intercontinental champion ... One-half of The Natural Born Killers in the NWA ... Bad man from "The Badlands" gets more respect from his opponents than he does from the fans of the East Coast independents.

229 FRANK ANDERSSON (6'2", 245, 2, 115) Three-time former Greco-Roman World champion and 1984 Olympic bronze medalist for native Sweden appears to have adapted to the pro style well ... Was briefly in WCW, but is now competing mostly in Europe ... Excellent technical background shows in pro matches.

230 TONY ATLAS (6'2", 247, 18, 135) Wrestles in New England and up and down Eastern seaboard ... Former Mr. U.S.A. and two-time IWCCW champion ... Size and strength are unquestioned ... Often accused of evading top competition ... Managed by Tony Rumble in Century Wrestling Alliance.



Tony Atlas has an excellent sleeperhold

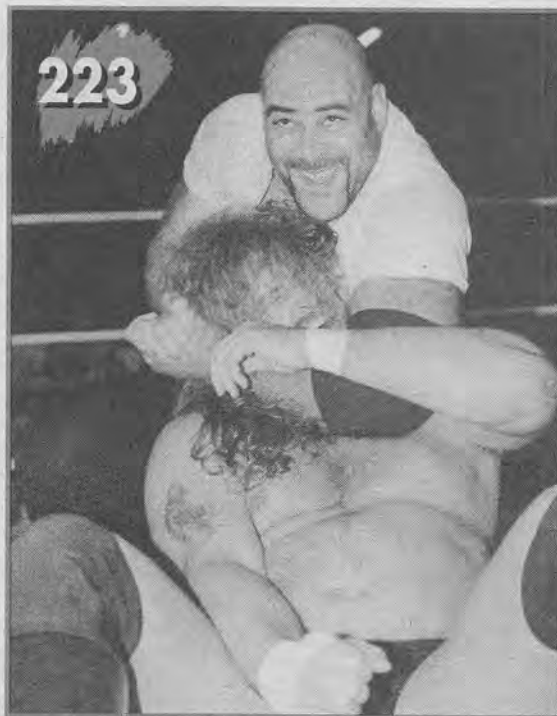
231 FIREFIGHTER ADRIAN (5'9", 230, NA, 215) Current West Coast Championship Wrestling mid-heavyweight champion ... Has strong upper body and excellent speed ... Native of Philadelphia.

232 EDDIE GOLDEN (5'11", 225, 7, 443) Is the nephew of Jimmy Golden ... He and partner Stan Lee are two-time former tag team champions in several promotions ... Very intelligent and extremely strong for his size ... Among the best light heavyweights on the Southern independent scene.

233 THE BARBARIAN (6'5", 295, 15, 159) Competing frequently on the independent circuit ... Resurfaced in WWF last year as Sionne, a new member of The Headshrinkers ... Brutal giant once managed by Bobby Heenan ... Formerly one-half of The Powers of Pain with the Warlord ... Better off in tag teams.

234 GRAN HAMADA (5'4", 195, 24, 144) Among the finest wrestlers weighing less than 200 pounds in the world ... Tokyo native has held many titles all over the world ... Once a fixture in the UWA, but now wrestles almost exclusively in Japan ... Still has great speed and agility.

235 MANTAU (6'1", 401, NA, NL) The "half-man, half-beast" hails from the isle of Crete ... Managed by Jim Cornette in the WWF ... Going nowhere fast at the mid-card level ... Brawler with very little technical skill.



Cornette's Kyle kills them in Smoky Mountain

236 RICKY SANTANA (5'10", 235, 13, 176) Now competing in the WWF and in Japan as Iceman ... One of the Caribbean's best ... Tag team champion partners in WWF have included Curtis Thompson, Al Madril, and Ray Gonzales ... Used to wrestle in Pacific Northwest Wrestling ... Sometimes a rulebreaker, sometimes a fan favorite.

237 KEVIN SULLIVAN (5'10", 252, 24, 58) Off the deep end once again as the guiding force behind the Three Faces of Fear and now the Dungeon of Doom ... Vows to rid wrestling of Hulk Hogan ... Had a hard time beating his bumbling brother Dave ... Brutal and demented.

238 BRAD ARMSTRONG (6', 226, 14, 153) Oldest but most talented of the wrestling Armstrong brothers ... Was WCW's final light heavyweight champion ... Current SMW champ has often helped family in feud with Jim Cornette in SMW ... Quicker than he appears to be and still in great shape.

239 STEVE LOMBARDI (6', 233, 10, 317) WWF veteran also appears on independent cards ... "Brooklyn Brawler" works hard, but can't seem to escape prelim status ... Once managed (briefly!) by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan.

240 TOMMY ROGERS (5'9", 222, 15, 426) Reunited with Bobby Fulton as The Fantastics at several WCW TV tapings ... Wrestles periodically for All-Japan ... He and Fulton won many regional tag team titles in their years together.

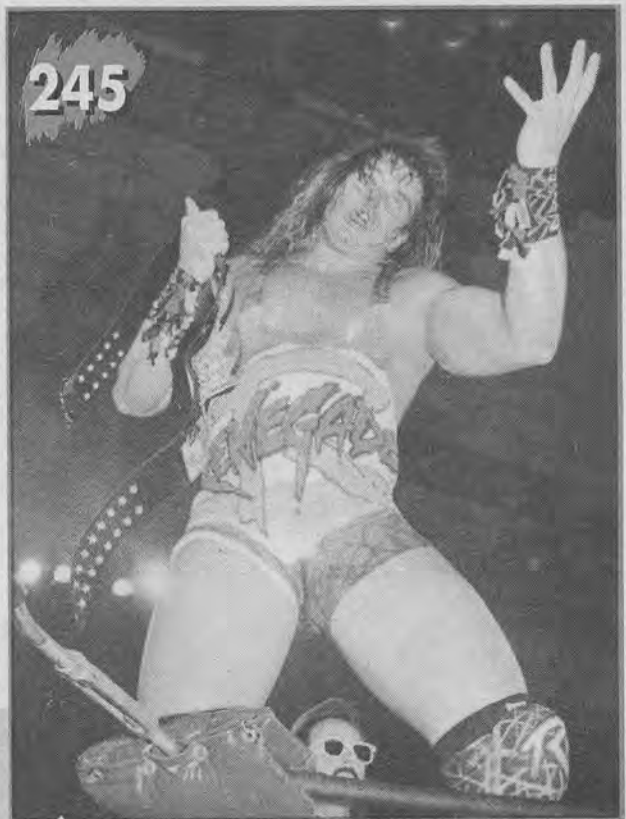
241 SCOTT D'AMORE (6', 265, 4, 323) Youngster calls Border City Wrestling his home ... Became four-time BCW champion by defeating Bruiser Bedlam this year ... Defended title successfully against Al Snow, Steve Lombardi, and Mickey Doyle ... Occasionally competes in WCW.

242 ERIK WATTS (6'5", 262, 3, 183) Now known as Troy of Tekno Team 2000 in the WWF ... Son of ex-wrestler and former WCW executive Bill Watts ... Nowhere near as competitive or visible as he once was ... 1992 PWI Rookie of the Year ... Famed for STF finishing hold.

243 EL BRONCO (5'11", 235, 9, 284) Still a mainstay in WWF ... Teamed with Invader I to win two WWF tag team titles ... Also teamed with Pulgarcito ... Masked Dominican hails from Santo Domingo.

244 "JUNGLE" JIM McPHERSON (6', 235, 8, NL) Three-time WWA junior heavyweight champion ... Defeated Johnny Rotten to regain the belt in a "jungle death" match ... Amazing vertical leap is clearly evident when McPherson launches a dropkick or executes a leapfrog.

245 THE RENEGADE (5'10", 256, 1, NL) Hulk Hogan's surprise at WCW Uncensored ultimately left the fans yearning for someone else ... Style is very similar to that of The Ultimate Warrior ... Defeated Arn Anderson for the WCW TV title at The Great American Bash ... Is often booed by fans ... Threw two of the most pathetic dropkicks in wrestling history at Bash at the Beach.



WCW TV champ Renegade needs to improve skills

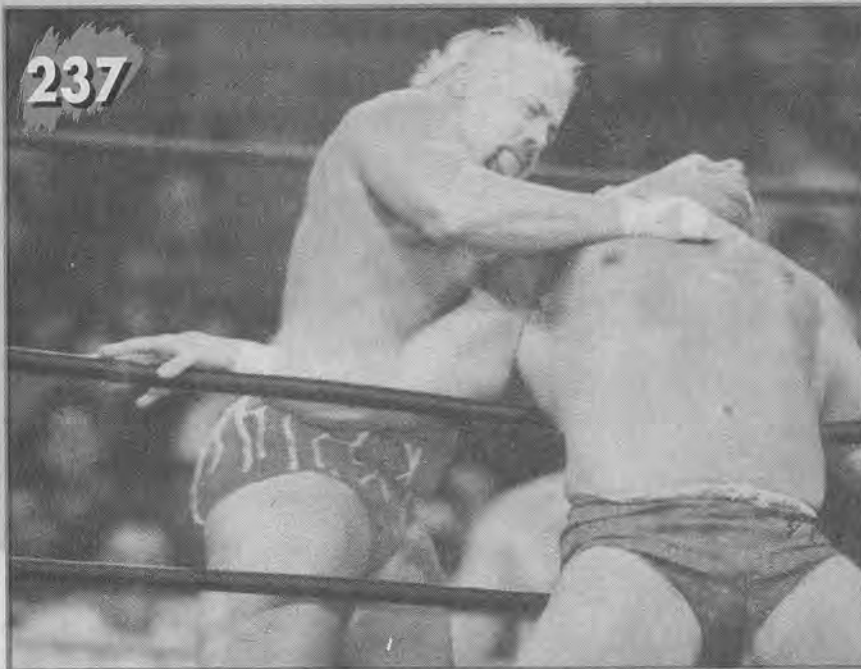
246 CHRIS ADAMS (6'1", 228, 17, 65) A mainstay of Texas wrestling since the 1980s ... Won old World Class title four times, and the World Class tag team title with Gino Hernandez ... Nearly blinded in 1986 by Hernandez in one of the most heinous acts in wrestling history ... Now a regular in the AWF.

247 STAR RYDER (6'2", 211, 433) Current PWF heavyweight champion claims to be from "The Galaxy" ... Former PWF tag team champion ... Feuding with Masked Maniac and George South ... Never backs down from a challenge ... Also occasionally appears in the WWF and WCW.

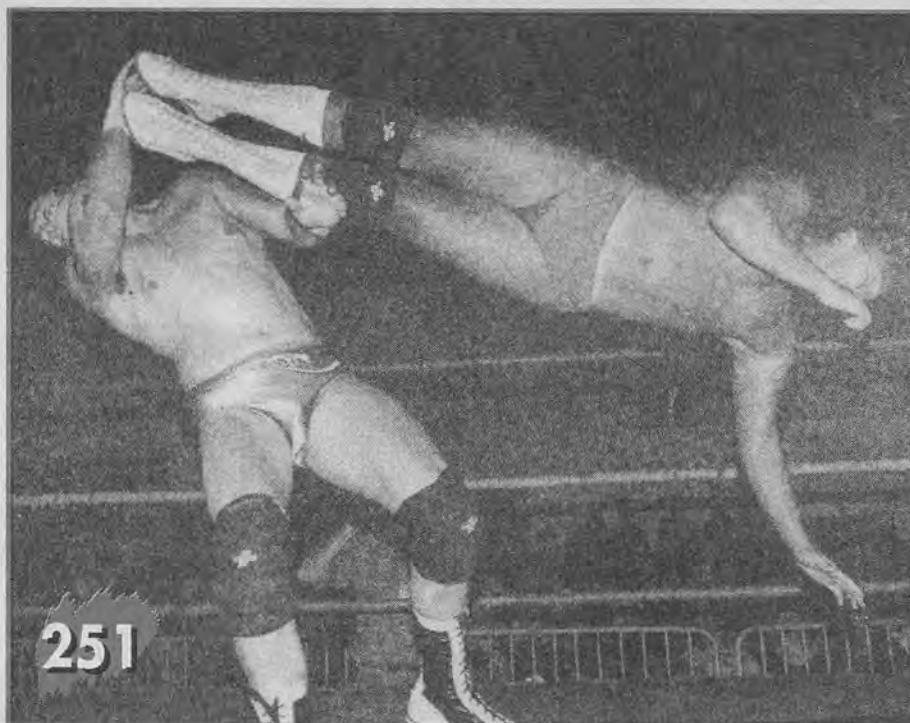
248 GIANT BABA (7', 315, 34, 232) This All-Japan legend still competes on a regular basis ... Three-time former NWA World champion ... Among the first wrestlers of his size to excel ... Famous for his "big foot" and judo chops.

249 RON CUMBERLEDGE (6'1", 235, 7, 248) Midwest independent star has won titles in western Ohio and elsewhere ... Has also appeared in WCW and the WWF ... Superb dropkick is one of many great moves.

250 911 (6'7", 310, 2, 244) Started out as Paul E. Dangerously's bodyguard and Sabu's training partner ... PWI's 1994 Rookie Of The Year ... Often wrestles against several men in handicap matches ... Almost always wins with his awesome choke-slam, a move he once used on Santa Claus ... Needs to expand his repertoire.



The "Taskmaster" needs to spend more time wrestling



Osamu Nishimura has one of the world's best dropkicks

251 OSAMU NISHIMURA (6'2", 225, 4, NL) This Tokyo native blends scientific and high-flying moves quite well ... Former GWF junior heavyweight champ has wrestled for ECW, NWA, and several Florida and Michigan independents ... Has one of the best dropkicks in the world.

252 BUSHWHACKER BUTCH (5'8", 238, 30, 264) Unpredictable New Zealander has teamed with Bushwhacker Luke since their days as The Shepherders ... Veteran duo still occasionally competes in WWF and many independents ... More skilled than you might think ... Bushwhackers are fan favorites now, but they were hated rulebreakers in earlier days.

253 KANGAROO DENNY KASS (5'11", 239, 15, 445) Veteran competitor was one-half of the new Fabulous Kangaroos with partner Al Snow ... Has won several tag team titles in Motor City Wrestling and the WWA ... Former BCW Can-Am heavyweight champion ... Native of Australia.

254 VLADIMIR KOLOFF (6'4", 265, 4, 145) Frequently wrestles in the Mid-Atlantic area ... Nephew of Ivan Koloff ... Big, strong, with plenty of potential ... Former IWA heavyweight champion.

255 VANCE NEVADA (5'10", 197, 2, 430) One-half of the River City Wrestling tag team champions with Robbie Royce ... This young star has improved a great deal over the last year ... Added confidence has enabled him to do some spectacular high-flying moves ... Appeared in several Mid-Atlantic independents on a tour of America ... Very promising future.

256 NAILZ (6'5", 271, 10, 136) Currently competing in the AWF ... Briefly known as The Convict ... Huge independent brawler ... Technical skills are next to nil ... Had a big feud with Big Bossman in the WWF ... Held WWWA heavyweight title, but lost it to Brutus Beefcake in April of 1994.

257 TERRY AUSTIN (6', 240, 4, 281) One-half of the PWF tag team champions with Austin Steele ... Reminiscent of Tully Blanchard in style and moves ... Has a great sling-shot suplex ... Can wrestle on the mat or in the air.

258 BUSHWHACKER LUKE (5'10", 235, 30, 267) He and Bushwhacker Butch have been around forever, it seems ... WWF veterans are raucous, intimidating, unpredictable ... Now popular, the duo was involved in some of the most gruesome barbed-wire matches in history against The Fantastics in the 1980s.

259 ED ATLAS (6', 236, 9, 454) Former "Super Jock" is managed by Eddie Reality ... Recently split with partner Chris Weider after they defeated Frank Finnegan in a handicap match for the WWA heavyweight title ... Trains for his matches by playing one rough game of table tennis each day.

260 THE WARLORD (6'5", 360, 9, 172) Former WWF World title contender ... Wrestles occasionally in Northeastern independents ... Strong, extremely physical ... May reunite with former partner Barbarian as The Powers of Pain.

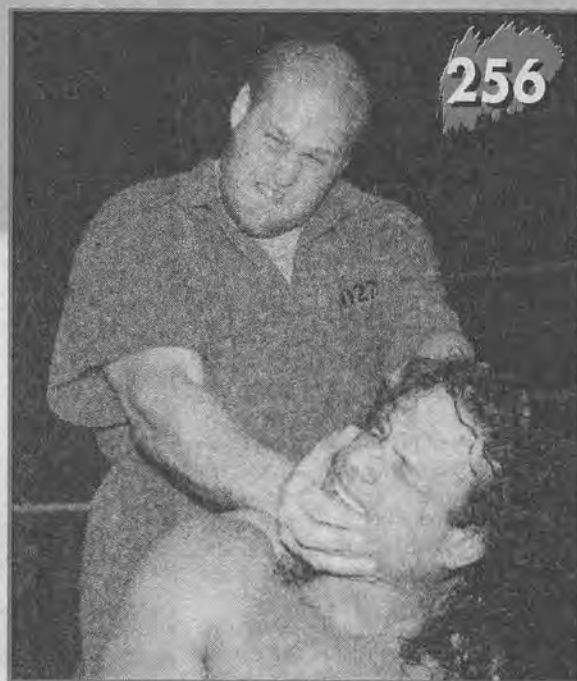
261 JIMMY VALIANT (6'3", 217, 25, 277) "Boogie-Woogie Man" still competes occasionally, and also runs a wrestling school in rural Virginia ... Won WWF World tag team title with brother Johnny in 1974 ... Feuded with manager Brandon Baxter in the USWA in 1995.

262 ICEMAN PARSONS (5'10", 245, 16, 72) This St. Louis native is still going strong in various Deep South independents ... A two-time former World Class champion ... Feuded with Action Jackson in some unusual stipulation matches in Global last year.

263 DUSTY WOLFE (5'10", 230, 8, 242) Intelligent veteran of many federations ... Has competed around the globe, including in Puerto Rico, India, and South Africa ... Also currently wrestles for LSWA, DSWA, and several other Texas independents ... Competed as Dale Wolfe in the WWF.

264 BOO BRADLEY (6'2", 310, 3, 206) Unleashed by Cactus Jack from former manager Tammy "Sunny" Fytch last winter ... Feuded violently with Chris "Skip" Candido, winning several "loser-eats-dog-food" matches ... Currently wrestles in SMW, where he is very popular.

265 AUSTIN STEELE (6', 233, 4, 351) Co-holder of the PWF tag team title with Terry Austin ... This bleached blond claims to be the real "Nature Boy" ... Has an excellent figure-four leglock ... Aggressive style, with fine flying forearm smash.



Nailz tries to twist Jimmy Snuka's head off

266 SCOTTY McKEEVER (6'1", 220, 3, 218) Defeated Future Shock in a tournament final to become the inaugural ICW Mid-Atlantic champion in March ... Lost the belt to Dark Starr in May ... Former ICW tag team champion with Scotty Hot Body ... Has appeared on WCW telecasts.

267 LORD ZOLTAN (5'11", 222, 19, 458) This cagey veteran is the current Steel City Wrestling and American Commonwealth Wrestling junior heavyweight champion ... Managed by Notorious Norm ... A veteran of many federations, his legacy continues to grow with every match ... Involved in a multiyear feud with T.C. Reynolds.

268 BUTCH REED (6'2", 265, 17, 114) "Hacksaw" has been wrestling for independent promotions in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana ... Teamed with Ron Simmons in WCW as Doom, and went on to win the WCW World tag team belts ... Has also competed on pro rodeo circuit.

269 WAHOO McDANIEL (5'11", 250, 34, 199) Still active in Mid-Atlantic and Southern independents ... Former U.S. champion and pro football player ... Faced Dick Murdoch in a legends match at WCW's Slamboree 1995 and was inducted into the WCW Hall of Fame ... Is wrestling a series of matches against Dory Funk Jr. on the independent circuit.

270 HEADHUNTER I (5'11", 440, 3, NL) A bloodthirsty savage ... Mostly in tag teams with Headhunter II, but still a very dangerous force in singles matches in Japan and Puerto Rico ... Likes to bite opponents' heads until they are covered in blood ... If he has any scientific skills, he has yet to use them ... Most matches end with him losing by disqualification.

271 JOHNNY GRAHAM (5'10", 220, 8, NL) Popular wrestler in the East Coast independents ... Former ACW light heavyweight champion is from Carlisle, Pennsylvania ... Inadvertently left out of last year's "500," but an outstanding technical wrestler just the same ... Still feuding with Lord Zoltan.

272 BOB ARMSTRONG (5'11", 227, 28, NL) Patriarch of the Armstrong clan has returned to wrestling to try to end Jim Cornette's career ... "The Bullet" is competing in Smoky Mountain Wrestling, along with several of his sons ... Serves as SMW commissioner ... Marietta, Georgia, native.

273 ROBBIE ROYCE (5'8", 215, 4, 411) He and Vance Nevada make up one of the most popular teams in Canada ... "The Wild Ones" are currently the River City Wrestling tag team champions ... Great aerialist ... Won a singles title this year while competing for Starr Promotions.



This "Pretty Boy" has lots of potential

274 STAN LEE (6'1", 235, 6, 436) This "Pretty Boy" is native to Charlotte, North Carolina ... Takes pride in his fancy, studded ring robes ... With partner Eddie Golden, he held tag team titles in two different promotions at the same time ... Has a lot of ability, but his violent temper sometimes gets the best of him.

275 SUMITO (6'3", 288, 4, 187) Samoan continues to make steady progress in the Pacific Northwest ... Tenacious competitor with an excellent headbutt ... Has also wrestled in Japan ... Can bench press more than 500 pounds.

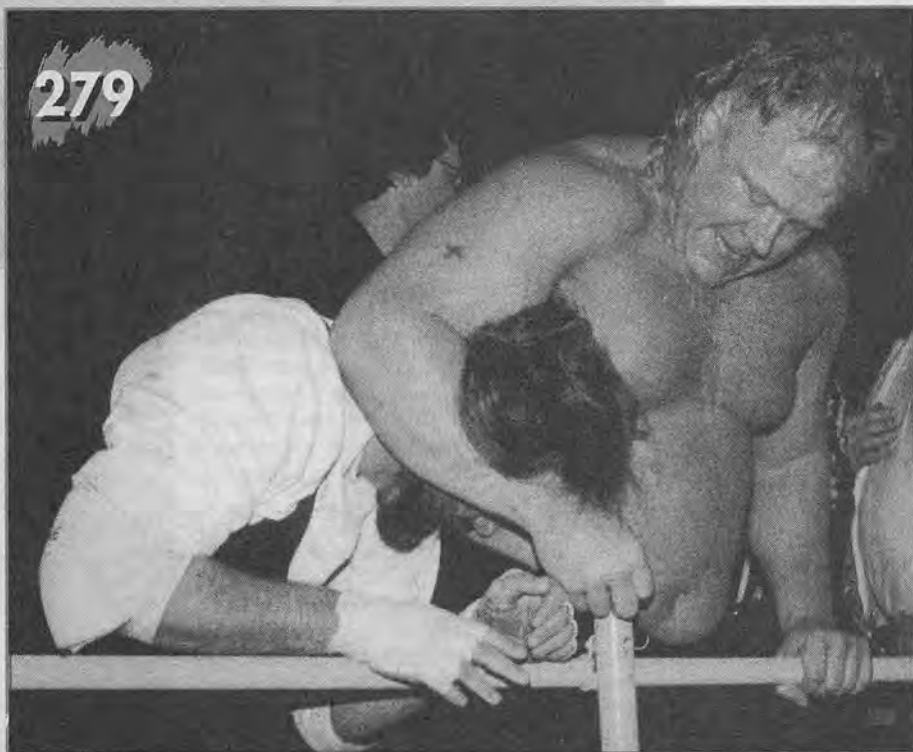
276 FLAMING YOUTH (5'11", 230, 4, 235) One of the top wrestlers in the PWF ... Has held the junior heavyweight title on several occasions ... Also a former PWF tag team champ ... Enthusiastic fan favorite.

277 EL MASCARADO (5'10", 228, 7, 307) Current CWA light heavyweight champion ... A native of Cidre, Puerto Rico ... Disciple of Mil Mascaras ... Wears many colorful masks in the ring ... Fan favorite is smart and quick.

278 ACTION JACKSON (6'2", 300, 11, 220) Native of Texarkana, Arkansas, is a top contender in Lone Star Wrestling ... Has held tag team belts in Mid-South and NAWA and is a former NAWA heavyweight champ ... Wrestled throughout the South and in Puerto Rico ... Huge favorite in Texas.

279 ROCK STEVENS (6'4", 270, 4, 432) "Punisher" is the current Motor City Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Won the title from "Irish" Mickey Doyle on July 4, 1993 ... Trained by Brad Rheingans ... Native of Minnesota.

280 HEADHUNTER II (5'11", 390, 3, NL) Smaller and more agile of the two Headhunters ... Moonsault is his signature move ... Brawler who occasionally goes to the air ... Usually comes up with the game plan for the team ... Willing to inflict punishment without worrying about the consequences.



Rock Stevens punishes everyone in Motor City Wrestling

281 JOE SAVOLDI (6', 220, 15, 240) Has been respected along the Eastern independent circuit for years ... A career scientific wrestler ... Son of former NWA junior heavyweight champion Angelo Savoldi ... Former IWCCW light heavyweight champ.

282 RAY ODYSSEY (5'10", 225, 9, 171) San Diego native carries surf-board into the ring ... Currently in several Mid-Atlantic independents including, WWA and IWCCW ... A three-time former IWCCW light heavyweight champ ... Has beaten several larger opponents.

283 MIKE ENOS (6'4", 252, 7, 285) Known as Blake Beverly when he wrestles stateside ... More of a rule-breaker than "brother" Beau, Wayne Bloom ... Currently competing almost exclusively in Japan ... Had a somewhat disappointing tenure in the WWF a few years back ... Former AWA World tag team champ.

284 KENDO NAGASAKI (6', 250, 24, 250) Veteran brawler in NOW promotion ... Seeking a match with Hickson Gracie ... Has a reputation as a mean-spirited brawler ... Only slightly past his prime at this point ... Competed all around the world a decade ago ... Once managed by J.J. Dillon.

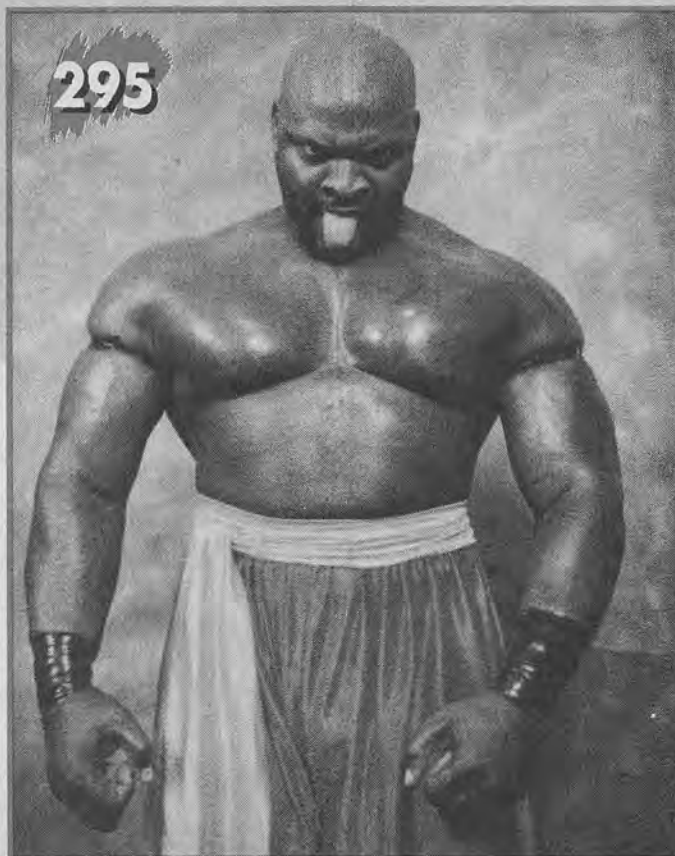
285 KING KAHLUA (5'10", 245, 11, 424) East Coast veteran is originally from Hawaii ... Former Pacific champion is known as a wrestler who's not afraid to break the rules ... Recently changed training regimen to increase speed and agility.

286 LOU MARCONI (5'11", 230, 3, NL) Co-holder of the Steel City Wrestling tag team title with Black Cat ... Has taken SCW heavyweight champ T. Rantula to the limit several times ... Also a former ASWA tag team champion ... Fans have nicknamed him "Beef Stew" (we're still not sure why).

287 TONY ROY (6'2", 235, 6, 314) Montreal native is current IWF champion; he has held the belt for more than a year now ... Defeated Hunter Hearst Helmsley (then Terra Ryzing) in a tournament final to win the belt ... Has an excellent dropkick.



Barry Horowitz *really* deserves a big pat on the back



Former Global rulebreaker Moadib is in Texas independents

288 BARRY HOROWITZ (5'10", 227, 16, 318) "The Winner" recently pinned Bodydonna Skip on WWF TV and held him to a 10-minute time-limit draw in a rematch ... Veteran competitor twice won Global light heavyweight title ... Nevertheless, he has accomplished very little in WCW and the WWF ... Also competes in independents.

289 IRON MIKE SAMSON (5'11", 246, 8, NL) In second year of reign as Windy City Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Has also held league, middleweight, and tag belts ... Very muscular and extremely strong ... Relies too much on manager Vinnie Carbone.

290 RYUMA GO (6', 255, 24, 304) Atsugi, Japan, native has done well in Pacific Northwest indies ... Physical competitor whose favorite hold is Japanese facelock ... Likes six-man tag matches ... Incredibly popular cult figure ... Claims he has feuded with space aliens and is thus the interplanetary champion.

291 MARC ASH (6'1", 205, 6, 309) Current ICW heavyweight champion ... Has defended the title all over the United States during the past year ... Involved in many title vs. title matches with AIWA champ Alex Knight ... Former co-holder of the ICW tag team title with George South ... Recently beat The Iranian Butcher in a vicious retirement match in North Carolina.

292 BOBO BRAZIL JR. (6'1", 277, 18, NL) Has wrestled extensively throughout North America and Japan ... Held titles in Pro Wrestling International, MWA, MTW, and Japan ... Calls his headbutt the "coco butt" ... Native of Benton Harbor, Michigan ... Currently competing for Michigan-based MTW.

293 JESSE BARR (6', 243, 14, 182) Son of Sandy Barr, though he previously used the name Jimmy Jack Funk ... Famed for his bulldog headlock ... Well-regarded throughout Pacific Northwest, where he occasionally wrestles.

294 VAMPIRO CANADIANSE (6'3", 235, 6, 255) This Thunder Bay, Ontario, native is now competing all over the world ... Has long braided hair and plenty of tattoos, and the women seem to love that ... Former UAW heavyweight champion.

295 MOADIB (6'4", 306, NA, 217) This mysterious man from the desert of northeastern Africa was discovered by Gen. Skandor Akbar ... Tough rulebreaker is now competing in LSWA ... Formerly wrestled in Global, where he was a merciless rulebreaker.

296 NIKOZUNA (6', 335, 12, NL) Hails from Samoa, as does his cousin Yokozuna ... Formerly known as The Tonga Kid, The Samoan Savage ... Now a member of The Samoan Swat Team ... Although his weight has increased over the past few years, he still executes maneuvers from the top rope ... Currently competing in Japan and in the AWF.

297 MIKE DAVIS (5'11", 235, 18, 133) "Maniac" was a former Global mainstay, but is now competing in several Texas independents ... Still has superb foot speed ... Founder of The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs.

298 THE NEW TIGER MASK (5'10", 230, 5, 247) Another man now assumes the mask and genre of the most popular Japanese wrestler ever to compete in Mexico ... Hopes to be as influential as his predecessor ... Great collection of colorful masks and outfits.

299 MOONDOG SPOT (6'2", 298, 19, 265) One of the original members of The Moondogs ... Wrestling semi-regularly again in the USWA ... Has been with team since 1978 ... Has been known to spread good cheer among kids in hospitals ... Enjoys chewing on dog bones ... Still going, somehow.

300 TYRONE KNOX (6'1", 250, 3, 459) This young PWF wrestler loves to use the flying headbutt ... Trained for a pro career by Gary Royal ... Has wrestled at WWF TV tapings ... Promised fans he would soon be a champion if they would continue to support him.

301 SILVER KING (5'11", 221, 10, 161) Mexican star is the son of former wrestler Dr. Wagner ... Recognized as one of the best wrestlers in Mexico's EMLL promotion ... Former UAW tag team champ.



Lawrence Taylor may be Hall of Fame bound, but not in wrestling

302 DREAM KILLER (6'1", 280, 4, NL) The most dangerous and sadistic man in Northern Championship Wrestling ... As Quebec heavyweight champion, he went undefeated for more than 18 months before losing to Frank Blues ... A former NCW tag team champion with Black Bear.

303 SGT. SLAUGHTER (6'3", 310, 18, 238) The former drill instructor is now competing in the AWF ... Former WWF World champion turned his back on his country during the Persian Gulf War ... Has switched loyalties many times during career ... Glad to be on the side of the fans again.

304 MOHAMMED HUSSEIN (5'11", 260, 11, 241) WWC rulebreaker notorious for throwing fireballs ... Has been a tag team champion with several different partners in the federation ... Has competed in Memphis, WCW, ICW, and in Japan.

305 LAWRENCE TAYLOR (6'3", 245, 1, NL) Former professional football player stunned the wrestling world by defeating Bam Bam Bigelow at WrestleMania XI ... Has not wrestled since, but there were rumors that several WWF managers were trying to get him under contract ... Former All-Pro linebacker is a future Hall of Famer in football, but probably not in wrestling.



"Queen Of Extreme" Luna Vachon at home in ECW

306 LUNA VACHON (5'5", 150, NA, NL) The "Queen Of Extreme" has found a home in ultraviolent ECW ... Frequent tag team partner of Tommy Dreamer against male teams ... Married to Vampire Warrior ... Started out in wrestling as Kevin Sullivan's valet ... Feuded with Alundra Blayze in the WWF.

307 CHARLIE NORRIS (6'7", 290, 7, 169) Chippewa Indian is currently competing in the AWF and several Minnesota independents ... Idolized Wahoo McDaniel as a child ... Favorite maneuver is tomahawk chop ... Had moderate success in WCW in 1993.

308 TOM ZENK (6'2", 237, 11, 163) Currently wrestling in the AWF and in Japan ... "Z-Man" once held WCW TV title and was Marcus Alexander Bagwell's tag team partner before 2 Cold Scorpio ... Extraordinary dropkick from top turnbuckle.

309 TIMOTHY WELL (5'11", 240, 8, 148) Former tag partner of Steven Dunn in Well Dunn ... Trying to climb the tag team ranks with various new partners, but not making much progress ... He and Dunn had previously teamed to win PNW, WWC, and USWA tag titles ... Solid scientific skills ... Enjoyable to watch.

310 TONY STETSON (5'10", 238, 10, 292) Competes in ECW and other Mid-Atlantic independents ... Has defeated former WWF World champion Ivan Koloff ... Feuding with former tag team partner Larry Winters.

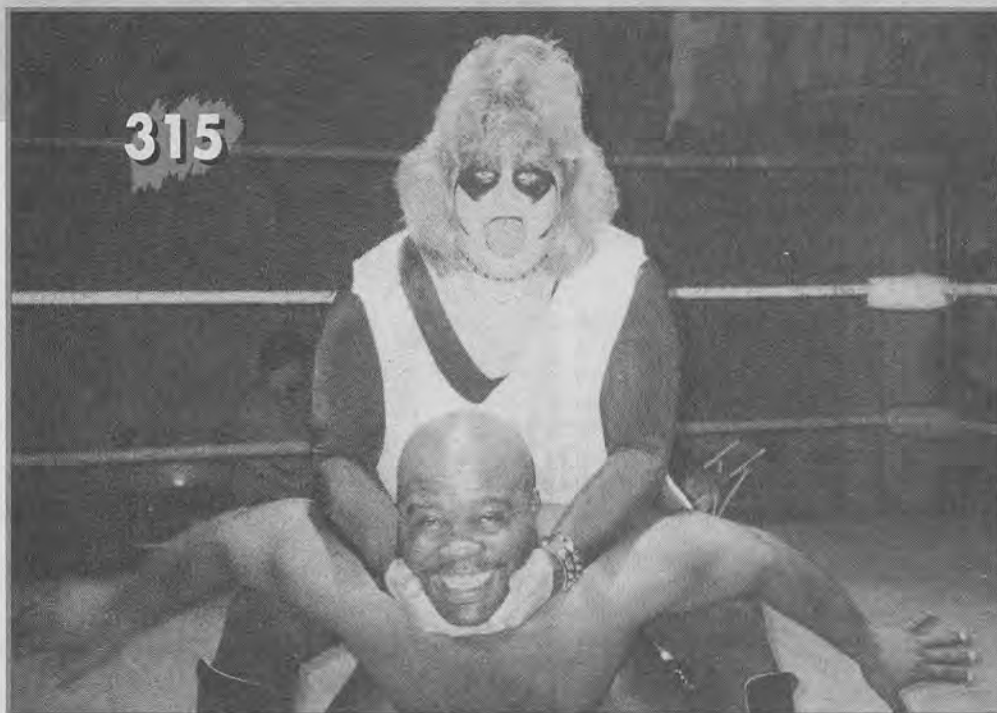
311 TIM HORNER (5'10", 235, 11, 230) This incredibly quick competitor is still wrestling occasionally for WCW ... When he isn't there, he is competing in independent promotions in Tennessee ... Won two different Southern independent tag team titles in successive nights in 1995 ... Has extensive Japanese experience.

312 ICEMAN (6', 180, 1, NL) This sensational newcomer was Northern Championship Wrestling's Rookie of the Year in 1994 ... An excellent aerial artist who can also brawl with the best of them in NCW ... A former tag team champion with Frank Blues ... Current NCW Intercity Champion.

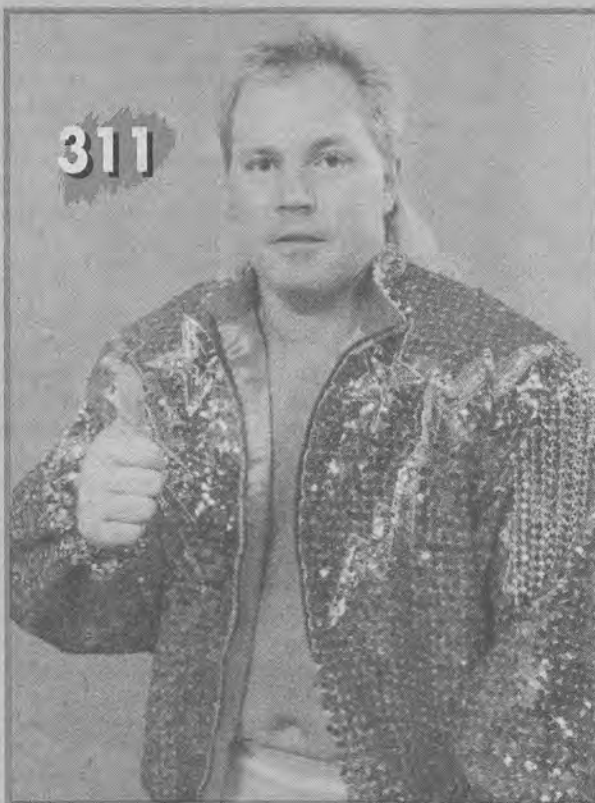
313 CHAZ TAYLOR (6'1", 217, 5, 253) Among the best up-and-comers in Texas independents ... One-time Global light heavyweight champion ... Son of famed Texas wrestler Tugboat Taylor ... High-flyer with dynamic "Chaz-tisor" finisher.

314 RON GARVIN (6'2", 231, 30, 211) Beat Ric Flair for NWA World title in 1987 ... "Hands Of Stone" is still a fixture on the independent circuit, though he's nowhere near as effective as he used to be ... Excellent punching power.

315 MADD MAXXINE (5'9", 190, 1, NL) Has yet to be pinned since her debut in Pro Wrestling Federation a year ago ... Has defeated virtually every male in PWF and is currently ranked in the PWF top 10 ... Claims to be the world's sexiest woman ... Wears face paint to enhance her frightening appearance ... Manages Russian Assassin.



No one in PWF has pinned Madd Maxxine



Well-traveled Tim Horner

316 GEORGE SOUTH (6'2", 234, 13, 203) "Gorgeous" George is once again in the PWF, where he is feuding with long-time rival Italian Stallion ... Still one of the most feared rulebreakers in the PWF ... Extremely active in charitable causes and is very religious ... Was pinned by midget Farmer Pete in August.

317 WAYNE BLOOM (6'4", 266, 7, 280) Also known as Beau Beverly ... Briefly competed in the WWF ... Now wrestles almost exclusively in Japan ... Teamed with Mike Enos (Blake Beverly) to win the AWA tag championship in 1989.

318 CHUCK THE KOSHER KILLER (6'4", 266, 12, NL) This wildman has held the AIWF heavyweight title twice ... Originally hails from Gaza Strip, Israel ... Remains a top contender for the AIWF heavyweight title and U.S. titles.

319 MOONDOG SPIKE (6'2", 344, 6, 289) Still wins despite a total lack of technical ability ... Has held tag team belts with fellow Moondog Cujo ... Very enthusiastic ... Loves a good fight.

320 CUBAN ASSASSIN (6'1", 246, 16, 249) Competing in Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas independents, among other places ... Also known as Top Gun Assassin ... Trains wrestlers in his spare time ... Teamed with Ricky Santana in WWF tryout.

321 THE IRON SHEIK (6', 262, 22, 288) Legendary rulebreaker competes in independents and Japan ... Famed as WWF World champion between Bob Backlund and Hulk Hogan, although his reign lasted all of 28 days ... Former Iranian Olympian.

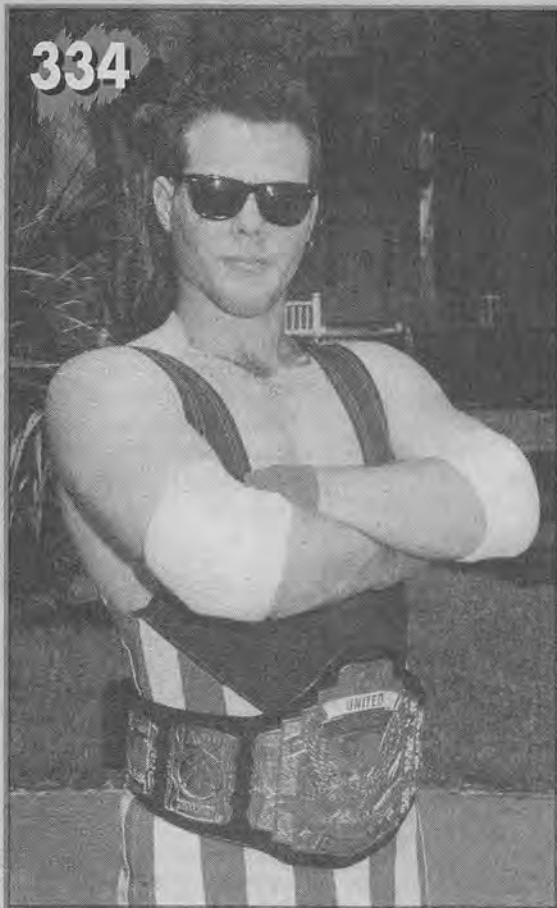
322 MICHELE STARR (6'3", 272, NA, 276) Currently one-half of a tag team called The Serbian Liberation Army Movement ... Two-time former WCCW heavyweight champion ... Recovered from serious face injury he suffered last year ... Blond hair and makeup remind many of Adrian Street.

323 KILLER BROOKS (6'1", 265, 28, 313) Another Texas brawler who hasn't mellowed with age ... Cigar chomper is the current Lone Star Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Loves to cause mayhem.

324 TIGER JEET SINGH (6'1", 264, 30, NL) Veteran of the mat wars now wrestles mainly in Japan ... Still brings a sword into the ring and tries to attack opponents with it before the bell sounds ... Currently feuding with Kendo Nagasaki ... Has not lost his killer instinct ... Prefers to take matches outside the ring, where he can use chairs and tables to full advantage.

325 DEMON HELLSTORM (5'11", 241, 5, NL) Comes from the "bowels of hell" ... Current Sunshine Wrestling Federation champion as a fan favorite, believe it or not ... Involved in several "Singapore caning" matches with The Cuban Assassin in SWF and other Florida independents ... Ranked 487th in 1993 "PW/500."

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Rico now wrestles in New Jersey Independents

326 ROD PRICE (6'2", 265, 6, 46) After excelling in Global for years, he is now dominating the Texas independents ... Solid professional with a mean streak ... L.A. native suffered the embarrassment—and financial loss—of having his hair weave ripped out in a 1993 match against Chris Adams.

327 JOHN HAWK (6'7", 285, 3, 210) Former Los Angeles Raiders tackle is now competing for CWA in Austria ... Shared Global tag title with Bobby Duncum Jr. ... Excellent "lariat" clothesline ... Hails from Sweetwater, Texas (Barry Windham's hometown).

328 CIEN CARAS (6'3", 230, 27, NL) The most famous rulebreaker in Mexico ... Mil Mascaras' toughest feud was against him in the 1970s ... His "loser-must-retire" match in 1993 against Konnan drew the largest crowd ever for a wrestling card in Mexico—55,000 (Konnan retired only briefly after losing) ... Lost a "loser-must-unmask" match to Rayo de Jalisco Jr. in 1990 and now wrestles without a mask.

329 MANNY FERNANDEZ (6', 245, 16, 190) Has held NWA World tag team titles with Dusty Rhodes and Rick Rude ... "Raging Bull" still wrestles regularly in Eastern independents ... Has seen better days, but is still a tenacious competitor.

330 MONGOLIAN STOMPER (6'2", 235, 32, 245) A Southern wrestling institution ... Former rulebreaker now a beloved, unpredictable fan favorite ... Periodically cracks independent rankings despite his advanced age ... Based in Knoxville, Tennessee, and often travels many miles by bicycle to his matches.

331 "IRISH" MICKEY DOYLE (5'11", 221, 25, 219) Veteran from Michigan has a superb piledriver ... Has won many regional titles, facing opponents such as Killer Brooks and Greg Valentine ... 1971 NWA Rookie of the Year.

332 JIMMY GARVIN (6', 225, 26, 173) After another revival of The Freebirds with Terry Gordy and Michael Hayes a few years back, he is now competing for independents in North Carolina and Virginia ... Master of the DDT has won titles throughout the Southwest ... Manages The Samoan Swat Team in the AWF.

333 HORACE BOULDER (6'2", 240, 5, 319) Hulk Hogan's nephew, but tries not to play on the family

name ... Has enjoyed moderate success in Florida independents ... Was Sabu's partner when they won FMW tag team title in Japan.

334 ROCKIN' RICO (6', 220, 3, NL) ACW U.S. champion ... Wrestles in Florida independents, as well as in his native Puerto Rico ... Recently debuted in a handful of New Jersey independents ... Born in New York, but was raised in Puerto Rico ... Trained by Duane Gill and Axl Rotten.

335 FLASH FLANAGAN (6'2", 221, 3, 271) A young high-flying star ... Gaining much-needed experience in several Midwest independents ... Favorite and toughest opponent has been Sabu ... Known for high-risk flying maneuvers.

336 FRANK BLUES (6', 170, 7, NL) This ultrascientific wrestler is the most popular wrestler in Northern Championship Wrestling ... A former Intercity champion and tag team champion ... Current NCW Quebec heavy-weight champion.

337 HACK MYERS (6'2", 269, NA, NL) The "Shah Of Philly" is from "the last house on the left" ... This pure brawler has found a home in ECW, where he is surprisingly popular given his limited success ... Has wrestled in several other Mid-Atlantic independents ... Was trained by Axl Rotten, and can actually wrestle when he wants to.

338 JUNGLE JIM STEELE (6'2", 243, 2, 297) After a brief stint in WCW, he is now competing in Japan and in Georgia independents ... Resembles The Ultimate Warrior in appearance, but not in style ... Very quick ... His one ECW match was memorable only because he was choke-slammed five times by 911.

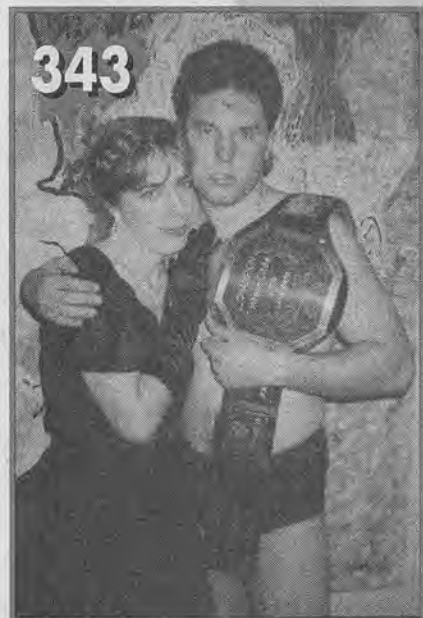
339 CHI CHI CRUZ (6'3", 242, 9, 344) Suffered a major setback in late-1994 after a boating accident left him unable to compete ... Came back with a vengeance in 1995 ... Has wrestled in practically every Canadian promotion ... Five-time former WFWA champion ... Recently had a series of bouts against Timothy Flowers.

340 SCOTTY SUMMERS (6'1", 250, 5, 324) "Hot Body" has wrestled in ECW and Motor City Wrestling ... One-half of Hot Paradise with partner Johnny Paradise ... They won the MCW and BCW tag team titles, but despite their perfect record, they were stripped of the title when they refused to get accept Canadian money as payment ... Ohio native is also a former Ohio State champ ... Has some experience in WCW.



Popular Hack Myers found a home in ECW

341 KEITH HART (5'6", 225, 9, 429) Sevierville, Tennessee, native is not related to the Calgary Hart family, but his impressive moves are reminiscent of those of some of the brothers ... A frequent competitor in Southern independents, he has held several singles and tag team titles ... Fast, skillful aerialist who is not afraid to challenge anybody.



Naja Viper gives Belanger an advantage

342 RICK CONNER (6', 235, 32, 341) A veteran of the Southern independent circuit ... Continues to share the SWA tag title with partner Lone Star ... Not liked by the fans at all ... Knows every dirty trick in the business ... Earned his reputation as a rugged rulebreaker.

343 PHIL BELANGER (6', 180, 8, NL) The most hated and experienced wrestler in Northern Championship Wrestling ... He has been a tag team and Intercity champion ... If he doesn't lose his temper, he can outwrestle anyone in NCW ... Sneaky manager Naja Viper always gives him an advantage.

344 GUIDO FALCONE (6'4", 284, 7, 439) Texas independent wrestler once known as Sweet Daddy Falcone in Global ... Moves well for a man his size ... High point of career was holding GWF tag team belts with Vito Mussolini.

345 LONE STAR (6', 232, 4, 340) He and sidekick Rick Conner currently hold the SWA tag team title ... Believed to be from Texas, but no one is completely sure ... His fancy, colorful masks and wrestling attire make him noticeable ... Tackles both rulebreakers and fan favorites ... Extremely competitive.

346 CHAINZ (6'1", 240, 2, NL) Has a very violent temper ... Presently holds the All-Pro Wrestling heavyweight title ... A despised rulebreaker ... Naturally powerful ... He can hold his own against anyone ... Has held several singles and tag team titles ... A very determined competitor.

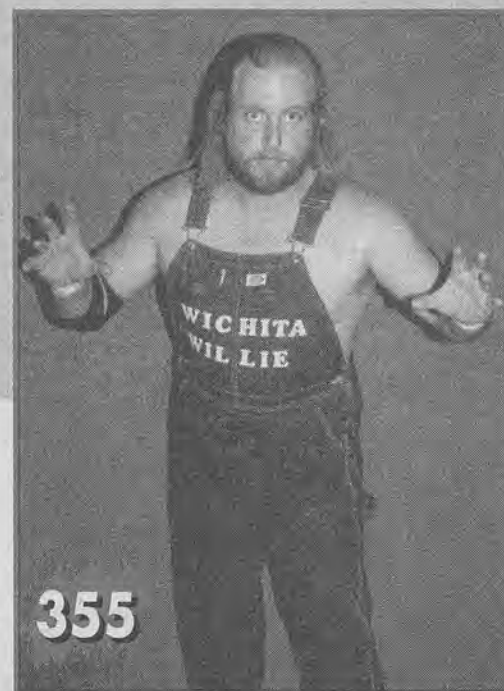
347 NEW ONE MAN GANG (6'7", 440, 6, NL) Uses mammoth splashes as his finisher ... Usually leaves his opponents as "greasy spots" on the mat after bouts ... Claims to have never been bodyslammed ... Proudly states that he is much better than the original OMG ... Presently in the camp of one of the South's better young managers, Mad Jack.

348 FRANK STALLETTO (6'2", 237, 3, NL) "Handsome" Frank has proven himself after a thrilling series of matches against Osamu Nishimura ... Cocky youngster has held the Steel City Wrestling and ASWA tag team titles ... Prides himself on his popularity with female fans ... Resembles Billy Ray Cyrus, but we won't hold that against him.

349 RAY ROBERTS (5'11", 230, 5, NL) "Crippler" is one of the wildest competitors to ever compete in Midwest Territorial Wrestling ... Now wrestles a lot in Steel City Wrestling ... Involved in a violent feud with Rick Matrix ... Despite his violent nature, he is adored by many fans ... A hardcore brawler who will stop at nothing to gain a victory.

350 JOHNNY PARADISE (6'1", 237, 5, 380) One-half of Hot Paradise with partner Scotty Summers ... Hot Paradise were MCW/BCW Can-Am tag champs until they were stripped for refusing to accept Canadian currency ... Former ICW Northern States champ ... Has both WWF and WCW experience ... Once had his hands set on fire by Papa Shango.

351 BO DACIOUS (6'1", 235, 4, 420) Native of Huber Heights, Ohio ... Looking to regain the American States Wrestling Alliance heavyweight title ... Perfecting lethal variation of the figure-four leglock called the "Bo Tie."



Can you guess where Willie's from?



Roberts uses chairs to cripple opponents

352 MASKED MANIAC (6'3", 300, 2, 328) Most powerful masked wrestler in the PWF ... Lives up to his name with his unpredictable tactics ... One of the top contenders for the PWF heavyweight belt ... Master of the bearhug.

353 RICO SUAVE (6'3", 235, 4, NL) The current Texas All-Star Wrestling light heavyweight champion ... Strong and agile, his aerial moves are dangerous and devastating ... Native of Puerto Rico ... Has experience in several Texas promotions ... Frequent tag team partner of G.Q. Knight.

354 BULL PAIN (6'2", 277, NA, NL) One of the original Texas Hangmen in the AWA ... Has competed all over North America ... Red-haired wildman hails from Minnesota ... Married to female wrestler Samantha Pain.

355 WICHITA WILLIE (5'9", 225, 6, 463) Wichita, Kansas, native (surprise!) competes in several Texas independents ... Excellent scientific skills, but can brawl when provoked ... Hoping to regain the TASW light heavyweight title from Rico Suave ... Has won light heavyweight titles in AWF and All-Pro Wrestling.

356 MAJOR DeBEERS (5'11", 260, 17, NL) Current SCW brass knuckles champion ... Nephew of the legendary Col. DeBeers ... Has wrestled all over the world, including in the AWA, NWA, and various North American independents ... Involved in a heated feud with Viper in SCW that has lasted more than a year ... Managed by Count Grog.

357 RUSSIAN ASSASSIN II (6'2", 243, 8, 300) Former PWF heavyweight champion still carries old Soviet flag to ringside ... Will use his chain whenever necessary ... Formerly managed by NWA's Paul Jones, but is now managed by Madd Maxxine ... Practitioner of the "Russian sickle."

358 MR. OOH LA LA (5'11", 215, 7, NL) Hated Parisian has been a co-holder of the ECWA tag team title on six different occasions, but is now going solo ... Outside the ring, he is annoying, but inside the ring, he is a good technical grappler ... ECWA fans would love to see him go back to his native land.



Carter is a former MTW tag team champ

359 INFERNO KID (6'4", 215, 1, NL) Just 18 years old, this young grappler will likely blossom into a fine high-flyer ... Style is reminiscent of The Kid ... Great "Frankensteiner" from top rope ... Has great potential.

360 JERRY GREY (6', 250, 14, NL) "Golden Boy" is current World Pro Wrestling champion ... Has wrestled virtually all over the world ... Native of Akron, Ohio, has held several regional titles, including the Pacific Northwest tag team title with Tom Prichard, Florida tag team title, and the NWA Bahamas title.

361 CHRIS CARTER (5'10", 241, 15, 427) Formerly a member of The International Freedom Fighters with Mohammed Saad ... They split after losing the MTW tag team title to Al Snow and Ray Roberts ... Prides himself on his "old school" style.

362 BROTHER MIDNITE (6'1", 254, 5, NL) This self-proclaimed modern-modern-day messiah/wrestling evangelist has raised the ire of people in both Canada and the United States ... Claims to be on a crusade spreading the good word of Midnite and preaching kindness ... Hugely unpopular in River City Wrestling.

363 VIPER (6'1", 245, 2, NL) This popular SCW wrestler has been involved in a feud with Count Grog's entire stable ... Former SCW brass knuckles champion is a powerful wrestler with some high-flying skills ... Appears in several Southern independents.

364 GINO CARUSO (6'1", 235, 7, NL) Native of Naples, Italy, has wrestled in several Mid-Atlantic independents ... Former ECPW heavyweight champion and Northeastern State heavyweight champion ... Uses the airplane spin to disorient opponents.

365 METAL MANIAC (6'2", 268, 4, 330) Has wrestled all over the world, including Japan, Singapore, and U.S. independents ... Trained musician ... Wears war paint and speaks in a deep, gravelly voice ... Has struggled in feud with Jimmy Snuka.



Metal Maniac still feuds with Jimmy Snuka

366 AL HARDIMON (6'2", 235, 6, 339) "Wild Thang" is once again the Florida Wrestling Federation champion ... Has extensive martial arts training ... Frequently teams with Cody Wade ... Has feuded with The Cuban Assassin and Cliff Anderson.

367 PEZ WHATLEY (5'10", 245, 20, 290) Frequently competes on Southern independent cards ... Has WWF and WCW experience ... Was known as "Pistol" Pez for a long time and rulebreaking Shaska in South Atlantic ... Shows no signs of slowing down.

368 RICK DEEZEL (6'2", 212, 6, NL) This Los Angeles, California, native is currently wrestling in the AIWF ... A former AIWF heavyweight champion, he is currently a top contender for the light heavyweight and U.S. titles ... Has wrestled Wahoo McDaniel several times.

369 KID COLLINS (6', 230, 10, NL) Crafty veteran has held the American States Wrestling Alliance light heavyweight belt for three years ... Shocked fans by blasting long-time friend Jimmie Lee with a chair recently ... Likes to collect poisonous fish.

370 BOBBY ROGERS (5'10", 225, 6, 402) Popular wrestler in Florida independents ... Claims to be the grandson of Buddy Rogers, and his style is reminiscent of the original "Nature Boy's" ... Helped Tatanka break into wrestling.

371 KEVIN QUINN (6'1", 235, 3, NL) First dual titleholder in Windy City, he holds the middleweight belt and is co-holder of the tag team title with "Iron" Mike Samson ... Claims to be the one who brought hardcore wrestling to the Midwest ... Says he hails from Sin City.

372 MAX THRASHER (6', 256, 8, 379) Originally from the Paradise Knife and Gun Club in Bronx, New York ... Was formerly known as The Bounty Hunter and used to do almost anything for money, but is now striving to become one of the premier wrestlers in the world ... Karate background makes him a dangerous opponent for anyone.

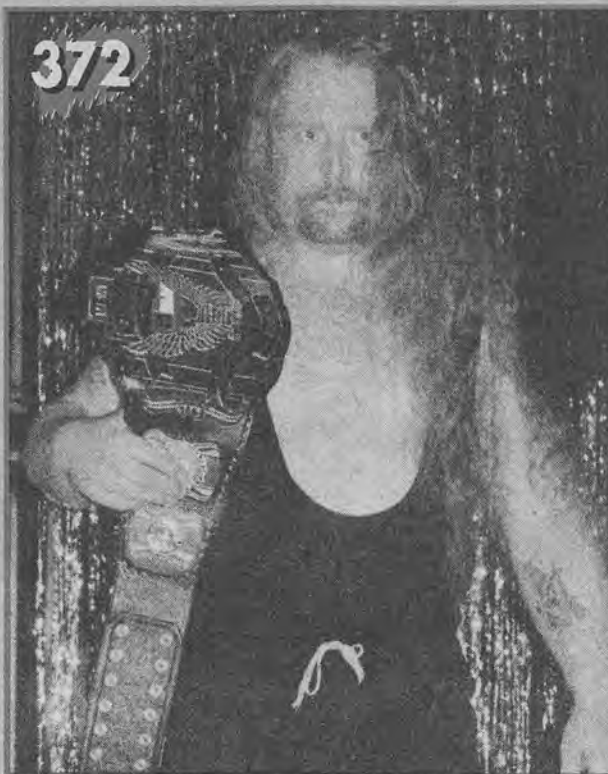
373 KODIAK BEAR (6'2", 351, 4, NL) Has wrestled all over the world during his relatively short career ... Along with S.D. Jones, was one of the first pro wrestlers to compete in Senegal ... Has held many titles ... Has wrestled in the WWF and several independents in the United States.

374 MAXX CRIMSON (6', 251, 3, 499) "Outlaw" competes in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling, where he is one-half of tag team champions Assault and Battery (with Jimmy Deo) ... Doesn't have many technical skills, but he is a good brawler ... He and Deo hold several victories over The Heavenly Bodies.

375 JACK HAMMER (6'6", 325, 4, 205) Former WWWA heavyweight and Intercontinental champ ... Competed most recently in USWA ... Also wrestled in Caribbean and New Jersey independents ... Was trained by The Wild Samoans ... Diamond Mike is his devious manager.

376 "IRISH" BOB CLANCY (5'5", 200, 3, 440) BCW mainstay proves that size isn't everything ... Offsets diminutive stature with the heart of a giant ... Involved in a heated feud with former partner Otis Apollo ... Windsor, Ontario, native is one of the top lightweights in the Midwest.

377 KEN PATERA (6'1", 256, 22, 333) Former U.S. Olympic weightlifter held WWF Intercontinental belt for 7½ months in 1980 ... Was part of two AWA World championship tag teams (with Jerry Blackwell and Brad Rheingans) ... Hampered by bad hip.



Thrasher's karate training makes him deadly



Jesse's not as "Perfect" as older brother Curt

378 AMERICAN G.I. (6'3", 240, 5, 422) Former PWF star is now competing in Tennessee independents ... A patriotic guy who is popular wherever he goes ... Determined, will fight until the end.

379 THE NOMAD (6'5", 277, 4, NL) Wrestles for several independents in Pennsylvania and New Jersey ... Hails from "anywhere he damn well pleases" ... Intense competitor ... Has size and strength ... Needs to work more on the fundamentals.

380 MORGUS THE MANIAC (6'3", 239, 5, 342) Bellevue State Hospital isn't a common address for a wrestler, but he calls it home ... Comes to the ring in a straightjacket, accompanied by a doctor and nurse ... Has defeated many opponents, but doesn't have a great grasp of the rules ... Long-running feud with Cactus Jack in Mid-Atlantic independents.

381 KEVIN VON ERICH (6'2", 235, 17, 239) Wrestling schedule is virtually non-existent ... Lone survivor of the ill-fated Von Erich brothers has had to cope with countless tragedies ... Spends much of his time touring Texas speaking of the ills of drugs use ... Excellent clawhold.

382 JESSE HENNIG (6'2", 210, 2, 423) Trained by older brother Curt, father Larry, and also Brad Rheingans ... A rising star in PWA ... Good scientific wrestler, eager to learn more ... Far from "Perfect."

383 TONY PRITCHARD (6', 237, 7, 461) Five-time former All-State heavyweight champion ... Is native to Nashville, Tennessee ... Competes in several Southern independents ... A huge favorite with the crowds ... Very intense, rugged competitor.

384 S.D. JONES (6'1", 240, 33, 367) Age has diminished his earl attack ... Can still count on that headbutt, though ... Has competed in WWF, as well as IWCCW, Universal Wrestling Superstars, and Eastern indies:

385 BLACK BEAR (6'1", 302, 6, NL) This very popular wrestler might be Northern Championship Wrestling's most complete athlete: He can brawl, wrestle, and outmuscle most anyone ... Former Intercity and tag team champion ... Recently became a fan favorite.

386 TONY RUMBLE (6'4", 250, 10, 257)
"Boston Bad Boy" still reigns as Century Wrestling Alliance New England champion ... One of the most recognizable athletes in New England ... Good friends with Mike Tyson victim Peter McNeeley ... Wins most of his matches when one of his cronies interferes.

387 KILLER KANARECK (6'2", 255, 4, 435) Trained by Larry Zbyszko and "Iron" Mike Anthony ... Has been a rulebreaker his entire career ... Gains most of his wins using a chain, but using a foreign object also gets him disqualified on occasion, too ... Is managed by the evil Gypsy.

388 MARK MEST (6', 403, 5, 431)
"Mean" Mark is making his mark on Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling ... This rough, nasty Oley Valley, Pennsylvania, native is one of the most hated rulebreakers in PCW ... Has a devastating splash from the top rope.

389 TURBO ERIC FREEDOM (6'2", 211, 5, 449) High-flyer is one of the most popular men in MCW ... Has been a co-holder of the Wisconsin tag team title ... Occasionally appears in the WWF.

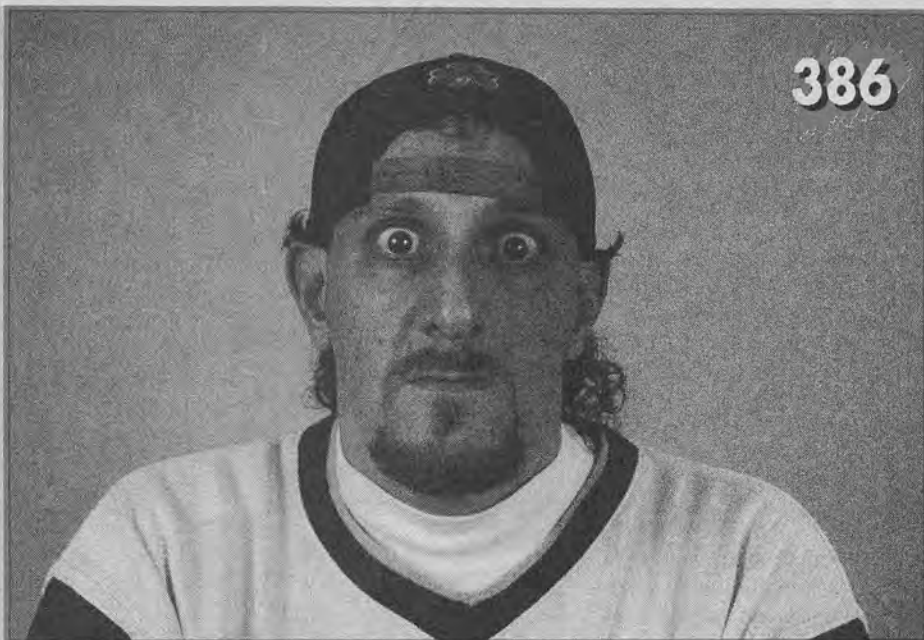
390 STONE COLD KID (5'11", 225, 3, NL)
Competes in Carolina Big Time Wrestling and other smaller independent promotions ... Fast, agile, and thrives on the support of the fans ... Has excellent potential.

391 GARY ROYAL (5'10", 220, 16, NL) This veteran rulebreaker competes in CCW, the IWA, and other Carolina independents ... Defeated Denny Brown for the NWA junior heavyweight title in 1987 ... Still looking for another title to add to his collection.

392 JIMMY SHARPE (6'2", 245, 6, NL) Five-time former Tri-Star Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Has virtually no regard for the rules ... Likes to legdrop from the top rope ... Gets infuriated by fans' chants of "Opie," but he does resemble the character from *The Andy Griffith Show*.

393 LEIF ERICSON (6'3", 270, 4, NL) This fan favorite has good looks and a great physique ... Current Texas All-Star Wrestling champion ... Nicknamed the "Lone Star Warrior" ... A powerful competitor who has a bright future ahead of him.

394 OTIS APOLLO (5'11", 243, 3, 489) "Arrogant" Otis is now a despised rulebreaker since he hired the notorious Gypsy as his manager ... Feuded with ex-partner "Irish" Bobby Clancy before winning the BCW/MCW TV title ... Veteran of Midwest independents.



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Let's hope Rumble doesn't have the same fate as friend Peter McNeeley

395 BENSON LEE (5'10", 220, 7, NL) "Ninja" challenged NWA champion Dan Severn several times this year ... Has since hired manager Notorious Norm ... Vows to make it to the top of Steel City Wrestling ... Skilled in martial arts ... A very dangerous individual.

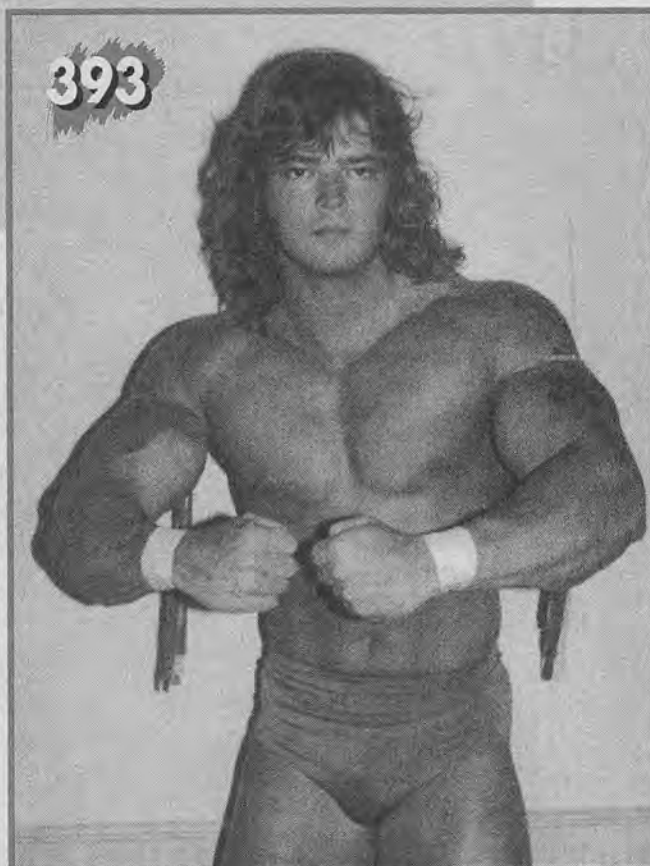
396 BLACK KNIGHT (6'6", 278, 5, NL) This aggressive competitor hails from parts unknown (the better side of town, we're told) ... Has held the AIWF heavyweight title ... Is currently a top contender to the AIWF U.S. title ... Very tenacious.

397 BORIS DRAGOFF (6'2", 250, 2, NL) Current SCW heavyweight champion ... Manager Count Grog has helped him keep his belt by interfering in almost all of his matches ... Trained by Ivan Koloff ... Strong technical wrestler.

398 THUNDER MORGAN (6'2", 266, 4, NL) Bald brawler is the American States Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion ... Puts foes away with his "Thunder Crunch" spinebuster ... Managed by the devious Ed Deadly.

399 BRUISER BENNETT (6'1", 250, 6, NL) Native of Laredo, Texas ... Has competed in virtually every promotion in Texas ... Uses a heart punch that he calls "The Cardiac Arrest" ... Gained notoriety from an on-air altercation with other wrestlers on a national radio talk show.

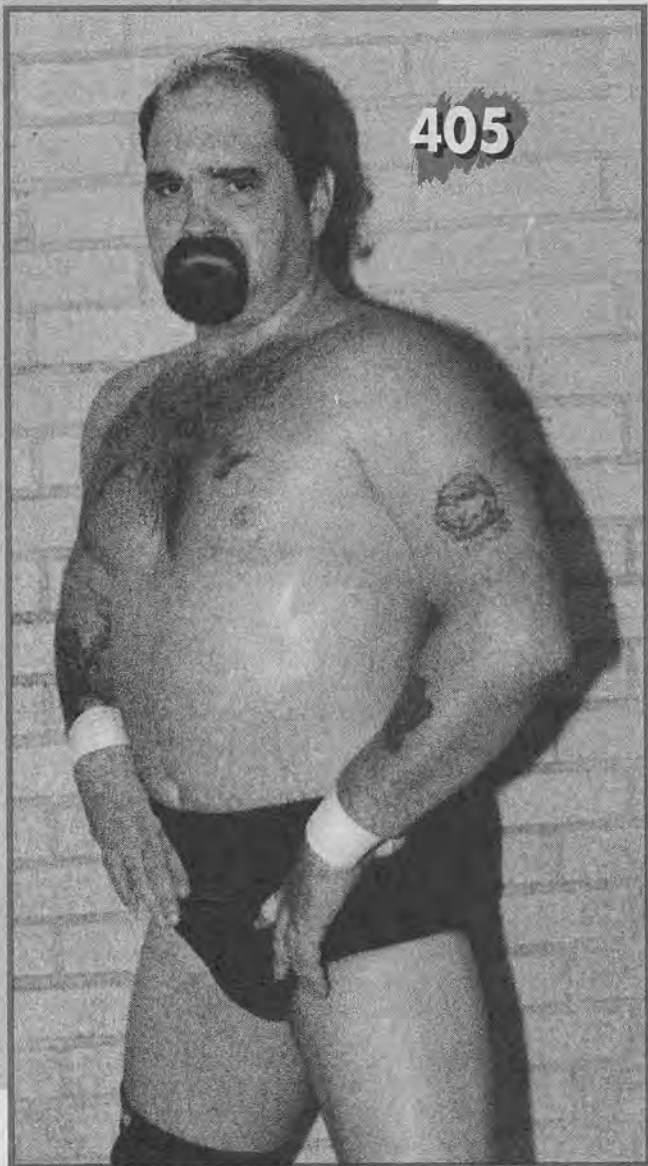
400 VINNIE BIONDO (5'11", 333, 4, 498) One-half of Double Delight in PCW ... Former exotic dancer ... Native of Sicily, Italy ... Has competed in IWCCW and other Mid-Atlantic federations ... Never without valet Juliet.



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Leif Ericson is a favorite with the Texas females

401 SHERIFF STEELE (6', 245, 12, NL) Macon County, Georgia, native is the most hated man in Steel City Wrestling ... Formerly known as Preston Steele ... Was ranked 291st in 1993 survey ... Has since changed his attitude ... Loves to use foreign objects, most notably handcuffs and Mace.



This "Cajun Brawler" has a very unorthodox style

402 DARK STARR (6', 235, 10, NL) Currently holds the ICW Mid-Atlantic title ... Former CCWA heavyweight champion ... Founded the "Dark Starr" Educational Foundation ... Is also a dedicated Boy Scout troop leader.

403 TONY GOLDEN (6'2", 240, 3, 462) Former AWC heavyweight champion and tag team champion (with King Kong Crusty) ... Cousin of "Tennessee Stud" Jimmy Golden ... Originally from Dayton, Ohio, but now bills himself from Tennessee ... Besides competing in the AWC, he also wrestles in the CWA, NWF, and SWF.

404 CRAZY BROOKS (6', 238, 9, NL) This crazed man says he's from the insane asylum (who are we to argue?) ... Is terrorizing World Pro Wrestling ... Uses the piledriver to finish off opponents ... Challenging Buggy McGraw for the label of "craziest man in the WPW"; we think it's a tossup.

405 BUBBA MONROE (6'2", 260, 14, NL) Second-generation star is the son of the legendary Sputnik Monroe ... "Cajun Brawler" is known for his unorthodox behavior inside and outside the ring ... Has competed in both WCW and the WWF ... Currently engaged in a violent feud with Texas All-Star Wrestling champion Leif Ericson.

406 LIGHTNING RODZ (6', 230, 3, NL) Current number-one contender to the World Pro Wrestling Florida title ... He and partner Crazy Brooks are undefeated as a tag team ... Native of San Juan, Puerto Rico ... No relation to Johnny Rodz.

407 DALLAS JAMES (6'4", 260, 14, NL) This crazy veteran wrestles in several independents in the Midwest, including MWA, AWF, IWA, and Pro Wrestling International ... Held the Pro Wrestling International heavyweight belt and the tag title with brother Austin.

408 ROCKY JONES (6', 235, 16, NL) Veteran competitor has wrestled

virtually everywhere in the world ... Kearny, New Jersey, native is currently wrestling in Mid-Atlantic independents ... Has held several belts, including the NWA American heavyweight belt, ECPW heavyweight belt, and NWA Polynesian tag title with Hacksaw Duggan ... Ranked 383rd in the 1993 PWI 500.

409 BUGSY MCGRAW (6'3", 280, 28, NL) Still going strong in World Pro Wrestling ... Held several tag team titles in both the NWA and WWF with partners such as Dusty Rhodes, Jimmy Valiant, and Bobo Brazil ... Was managed by Capt. Lou Albano in the WWF ... Finishes his opponents off with a big splash.

410 "GENTLEMAN" JOHNNIE WALKER (6'1", 230, 8, NL) Tucson, Arizona, native has wrestled all over the Midwest ... Sometimes teams with T.J. Powers ... Currently feuding with Bobo Brazil Jr. in Pro Wrestling International ... Has also wrestled in MWA and Mid-South.

411 THE INTERN (6' 5", 273, 6, NL) Hails from Johns Hopkins Institute ... Powerful youngster is the number-one contender to the CWA New England title currently held by Tony Rumble ... This temp is making plans to wrestle full-time in the CWA.

412 QUINN NASH (5'7", 225, 3, 473) Hagerstown, Maryland, native is popular with Northeast fans ... Often competes for light heavyweight titles, and sometimes has a little trouble with super heavyweights ... Has formed a successful tag team with Adam Flash.

413 BOBBY BLADE (5'9", 230, 2, NL) Former UWF junior heavyweight champion is desperately trying to regain his belt from Jimmy Lamb ... Has defeated several larger men ... His arrogance and wit help keep him on the winning edge ... Favorite moves include the flying neckbreaker.

414 THE GENERAL (5'11", 250, NL) Two-time former SWA heavyweight champion ... This hardcore veteran uses the belly-to-belly suplex to finish off his opponents ... Wrestles mainly in Alabama and Tennessee ... Currently feuding with Roc and Lucifer Kane.

415 CAROLINA DREAMER (6'4", 230, NA, NL) Italian Stallion's protege is quickly making a name for himself in the PWF ... His tremendous quickness and ability to maintain his composure against rulebreakers.



Walker wrestles in Mid-West Indys

416 DAMION STONE (5'11", 230, 3, NL) Frequent tag team partner of Kodiak Bear ... Wrestles in several Mid-Atlantic independents ... Has held several singles and tag team belts ... Also competes in the UWFI in Japan ... His flying elbowsmash from the top rope is devastating.

417 M. QUACKENBUSH (6', 202, 4, NL) Young aerialist currently dominates the BYWF singles scene ... Startling rise to mediocrity is nothing to quack at ... Currently holds the BYWF Triple Crown ... Small, but gutsy ... Feuding with The Madman ... His "Quackattack" version of the "Frankensteiner" is actually quite devastating if you don't duck.

418 THE GLADIATOR (6'4", 295, 5, NL) A masked man who hails from Jacksonville, Florida ... Wrestles for Frontier Martial Arts federation in Japan ... Aerial skills are his forte ... Claims to have perfected 21 versions of the flying bodypress ... Insists that his power bomb is the best in the sport.

419 JIMMY TORTURE (6'1", 315, 1, NL) He and partner Guido Falcone are known as The Cowboys From Hell ... Will step on anyone who doesn't step aside ... Made headlines when he helped his manager, Steve Trotter, go over Niagara Falls in a barrel ... Wrestles mostly in Florida independents.

420 J.T. LIGHTNING (5'10", 218, 5, NL) One-half of CAPW North American tag champions Pain and Agony with partner Johnny Walker ... Long-running feud with The Patriots in CAPW ... Likes to brawl ... Cares only about winning titles ... Managed by Johnny Valiant.



Not much meat on those chicken bones



Triumphant return for the Ultimate Warrior

421 FRANKIE LEE (5'11", 183, 6, NL) Versatile competitor ... Aerialist competes in both tag teams and singles ... Tri-Star Wrestling junior heavyweight champion ... Possess tremendous punching power for a man his size.

422 CHANCE (6', 222, 3, NL) Good-looking youngster combines strength and agility ... Dropkicks are major-league caliber ... A ranked contender for various titles throughout the entire Southwest.

423 THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR (6'4", 280, 7, NL) Recently returned to wrestling after a two-year hiatus ... Defeated The Honky Tonk Man in his first match back ... Former WWF World and Intercontinental champion ... One of the most popular wrestlers in history ... Often cheaply imitated, but never quite duplicated.

424 BILLY THE BUTCHER (6'5", 305, 6, 491) One-half of the Butcher brothers tag team with brother Bob ... Excellent aerial artist for a man his size ... Has competed throughout Texas and the Southwest ... Butchers are a feared team wherever they compete.

425 LEATHERFACE (6'3", 280, 10, 371) Bloodthirsty, violent brawler has battled his way through several countries ... Regularly appears in the WWC, Mexico, and in Japan ... Has feuded with Cactus Jack in the Orient ... Not too much on technique, but is quite effective.

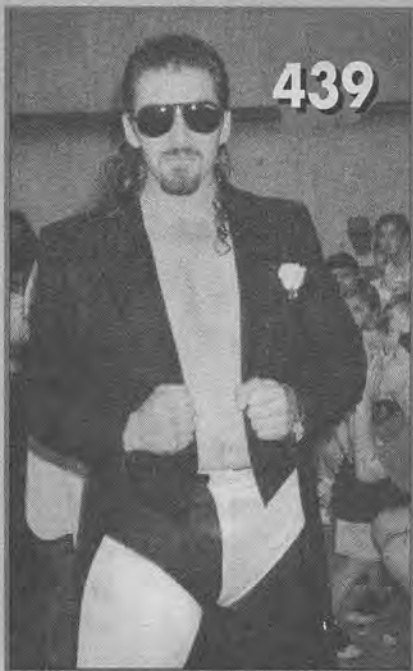
426 CHICKEN NECK (5'7", 180, 1, NL) Claims to be from the Perdue farm in Salisbury, Maryland, and wrestles in a chicken outfit ... Says he weighs in at \$2.49 a pound ... Opponents tend to ruffle his feathers ... Wins are few and far between, but that doesn't stop him from squawking.

427 MADD DOG (5'11", 260, 7, NL) Tough brawler can trade punches with anyone ... Like his Hell Hound tag team partner, War Dog, he seems to draw strength from his wounded opponents ... He and War Dog are top contenders to several tag team titles in Texas.

428 G.Q. KNIGHT (6', 229, 6, NL) Even though he is a skilled competitor, he prefers to cheat to gain victories ... Aggravates both fans and wrestler with his narcissistic attitude ... Ranked 407th in 1993 "PWI 500" ... Often teams with Rico Suave in Texas independents.

429 THE CROW (5'10", 205, 1, NL) This talented rookie comes to wrestling from West Virginia ... Enters the ring with his face painted ... Keep your eyes on this impressive junior heavyweight ... Master of many martial arts and aerial moves, all of which he learned while in Japan ... Not afraid to take on much larger opponents.

430 LIBERTY (6', 220, 3, 468) Formerly known as "Kid Liberty," he has matured into a good aerial wrestler ... Competes in New England Wrestling Alliance with partner Iron Fist ... Former NEWA tag team champion ... Can wrestle scientifically or brawl ... Extremely enthusiastic, constantly striving to improve.



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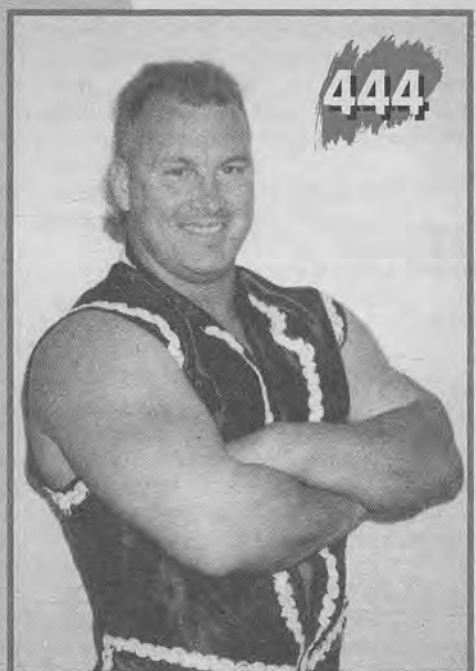
"Louisiana's Baddest Man"

437 JIMMIE LEE (6', 210, 6, NL) Most popular star in Ohio's ASWA promotion ... Always working on new aerial and martial arts moves ... Also a professional artist.

438 DOUG BASHAM (6', 210, 2, 475) Youngster still competes occasionally in the USWA ... Lacks size, but has plenty of potential ... Attended the Danny Davis wrestling school ... Has also wrestled in several other Southern independents.

439 ROGER SARTAIN (5'11", 212, 9, NL) One-half of "Bad Medicine" with "Gigolo" Joel Travis .. "Ravishing One" claims to be "Louisiana's Baddest Man" ... Has been accused of using a loaded arm band ... Tri-Star fans delight in barking "sardine!" at him.

440 RICK GARREN (5'10", 227, 5, NL) Texas native has competed all over Southwest, including the GWA and NWA ... Skilled high-flyer is popular with the fans ... Former TASW light heavyweight champion.



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Goode at strange specialty matches

431 SPOOKY KOOL KID KLEENE (6'4", 246, 4, NL) Former AWC tag team champion ... Ranked 480th in the 1993 "PWI 500" ... Still wears white hood and sheets into the ring, but has dumped his manager, The Priest ... Strangely enough, he is being cheered in AWC and other Florida independents.

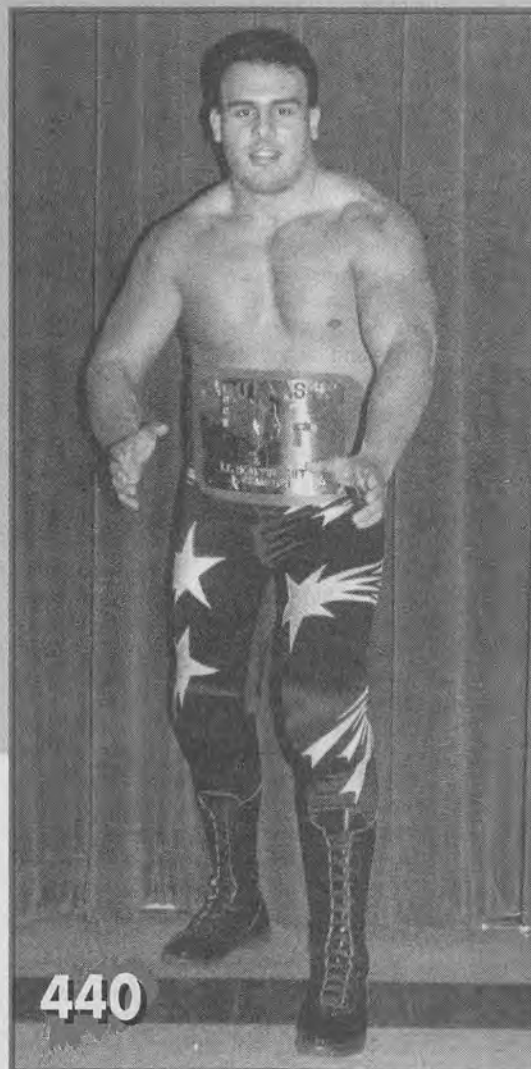
432 ALEX KNIGHT (5'11", 215, 30, NL) Current AIWA champion has wrestled all-such stars as Harley Race, Ron Bass, and Shawn Michaels ... Crafty veteran wrestled ICW heavyweight champ "Mean" Marc Ash to a time-limit draw in 1994.

433 BARON VON RASCHKE (6'3", 271, 29, 476) German master is still a threat ... Few have better clawholds ... People forget he has an accomplished amateur star ... Famed for long feud with Verne Gagne ... Continues to compete in PWA and other Minnesota independents.

434 BRIAN ROLLINS (6'1", 350, 1, NL) This up-and-comer wrestles in several Midwest independents ... Trained by Al Snow ... Pinned Kodiak in 15 minutes in his pro debut last June ... Now frequently teams with Kodiak ... Nickname is "Ice Cream Boy."

435 BLACK CAT (6'3", 270, 7, NL) Co-holder of the Steel City tag team title with Lou Marconi ... Formerly competed in several independent organizations in North and South Carolina before moving to Pennsylvania ... Full of charisma and determination, he can be tough to beat.

436 WOODY LEE (6'1", 265, 16, 466) "Cowboy" was reunited with younger brother Bobby after his brother returned from a knee injury ... Suffered a neck injury during an attack by the Gypsy's Army ... Once had his hair cut by Brutus Beefcake in the WWF.



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This Texas native is popular in his home state

441 JASON THE 13TH (6'4", 248, 3, NL) This hockey-mask-clad maniac says he comes from "the depths of Camp Crystal Lake" ... Virtually impervious to pain ... Executes aerial moves like a lightweight ... Once managed by Gary Hart ... Probably needs a "keeper" more than a manager.

442 BRET MICHAELS (5'10", 225, 4, NL) Former NWF light heavyweight champion and tag team champion ... Claims he is Shawn Michaels' better-looking younger brother; no one believes him ... Not to be taken lightly ... Very crafty and sneaky ... Competes in various Ohio independents.

443 DAVID LYNCH (5'11", 275, NA, NL) Charlotte, North Carolina, native is one-half of the Lynch Mob in OMW ... "Madman" always brings his chain to the ring with him.

444 JOHNNY B. GOODE (6', 225, 8, NL) Part of The Rock 'n' Roll Connection with partner Scotty Piper ... Popular with the female fans ... Loves to compete in strange specialty matches.

445 TROY MEST (5'11", 232, 5, 478) Quick and agile ... Teamed with older brother Mark in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling until they split a few months ago ... Currently a contender for the PCW heavyweight and U.S. titles.

446 MIKE JUSTICE (6', 240, 7, NL) Former CCWA heavyweight and TV champion ... Member of Count Grog's "Brotherhood" in SCW ... Very flamboyant ... Feuding with Poison Ivy in SCW and in several other Southern independents.

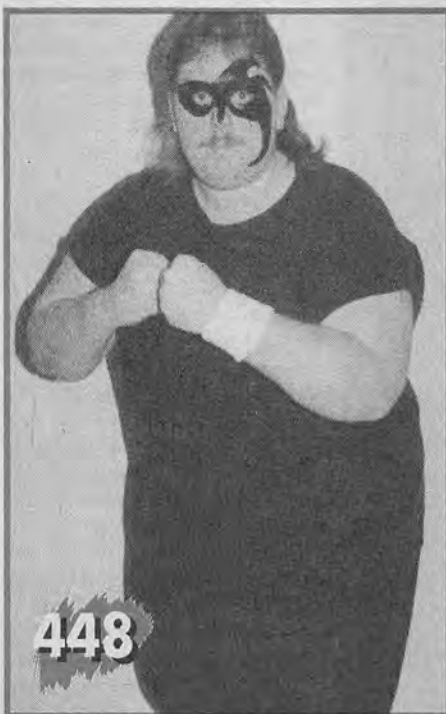
447 SUPERKEY I (5'7", 191, 3, 492) Half of the masked Asian duo currently contending for the Motor City Wrestling tag team title ... Singapore native is more experienced than his partner ... 1992 MCW Rookie of the Year ... Makes up for his lack of size with an impressive aerial arsenal.

448 BOB THE BUTCHER (6'4", 375, 6, 495) Surprisingly agile for his size ... Open-hand chops are some of the hardest in wrestling ... Teamed with brother Billy to win several Texas tag team titles ... Former cattle farmer and meat cutter ... Brawler actually uses some of his meat-cutting tools while wrestling.

449 RICCO RODRIGUEZ (5'9", 225, 1, NL) Street punk is co-holder of BCW tag team title with Calavera Cortez ... Has an impressive aerial attack, but often relies too much on outside interference ... The quiet half of Los Rudos, he tends to let Cortez do the bragging.

450 TOWER OF DOOM (6'5", 430, 5, NL) Current NWF heavyweight champion ... Wrestles mostly in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana independents ... Style resembles that of One Man Gang ... Surprisingly quick.

451 KUKU THE SAMOAN (6', 233, 1, NL) Wildman has been Border City Wrestling's most successful rookie in 1995 ... Combines decent technical skills with savage brawling ... Wastes too much energy in useless feuds when he should be pursuing titles.



This Butcher brings his tools to the ring

452 SUPERKEY II (5'11", 195, 3, 494) Competing in Motor City Wrestling ... Began pro career in Japan ... A few pounds heavier than Superkey I, but just as agile ... Superkeys are currently the number-one contenders to the MCW tag belts.

453 THE GARGOYLE (6'1", 243, NA, NL) Disgustingly rancid wrestler wreaks havoc in Slammers Wrestling Federation ... Favorite "moves" are chewing on opponents' feet, ears, armpits, and navels ... Fans at ringside are given barf bags before his matches ... Likes the feel of earwax in his teeth.

454 "JAMMIN'" JIMMY LAMB (5'11", 24, 8, 488) UWF junior heavyweight champion is stuck in an intense feud with rival Bobby Blade ... A veteran of the Mid-South independent scene ... Uses a crucifix as his finishing move ... Says he'll lay out Blade with his "Lamb Slam."

455 DEPUTY DOG (6'1", 360, 5, NL) Current

UWF heavyweight champion is undefeated in UWF rings ... Fan favorite loves to punish opponents using a flying forearm smash or a shoulderbreaker.

456 LUCIFER KANE (6', 285, 4, NL) A member of The Posse in the SWA ... Co-holder of the SWA tag team title with Roc ... Wrestles in Alabama and Tennessee ... Bad man from Hell's Kitchen, New York, is feuding with Jerry Fuller and The General ... Devastating choke-slam.

457 IRON FIST (6', 215, 2, NL) "The Perfect Weapon" is tag team partner of Liberty in the New England Wrestling Alliance ... Is a black belt in several martial arts ... Returned after an 18-month sabbatical due to medical problems ... Among the best high-flyers in NEWA.



Street punk Rodriguez is one half of Los Rudos

458 THE SHADOW (5'8", 219, 9, NL) Masked man competes in Texas and his native Mexico ... Though not as large as most competitors, he more than makes up for his lack of power with speed and skill ... Top contender for the Texas All-Star Wrestling light heavyweight title.

459 WAR DOG (5'11", 271, 6, NL) Tattooed biker is a very bloodthirsty wrestler ... Seems to get stronger the more he bleeds ... Is one-half of The Hell Hounds with partner Madd Dog.

460 CHEETAH MASTER (6'1", 223, 5, NL) Currently in his third reign as ECWA champion ... Also a former ECWA tag team champion ... Popular wrestler is known for splashing opponents from the tops of steel cages ... Had memorable feuds with Lance Diamond, Ivan Koloff, and Devon Storm.

461 BUGSY SLUGG (6', 285, 4, NL) A graduate of the Hart Family wrestling school ... Massive man appears mainly in central Canada independents ... One-half of the nefarious Reservoir Dogs in RCW ... Has proven to be a very devious wrestler ... Recently unmasked when he lost a hair vs. mask match to Vance Nevada.

462 MIKE LEGACY (5'11", 218, 1, NL) One of Border City Wrestling's top rookies ... Briefly held BCW Can-Am tag title with partner Tommy Tanna ... High-risk aerial moves often miss their mark ... Trained by Scott D'Amore and Mickey Doyle.

463 ROB McBRIDE (6', 310, 10, NL) Currently involved in a brutal feud with "Mean" Marc Ash in ICW ... Was formerly one-half of a team called The Inmates ... Former WCF TV champion ... Was known as The Libyan Assassin in the Carolina-based CCWA.

464 THE KNIGHT RIDER (6'1", 270, 8, NL) Self-proclaimed "King Of The Battle Royal" ... Native of Cincinnati wrestles primarily in SWF ... Last wrestler to face the late Mohammed the Butcher ... Trained by Kenny Mack.

465 T.J. POWERS (6'1", 248, 10, NL) "The Superstar" is a frequent competitor in Midwest independents ... Former AWF heavyweight champion ... Two-time Pro Wrestling International tag team champ ... Occasionally wrestles for WCW.

466 THE BOUNTY HUNTER (6'3", 310, 6, NL) Co-holder of the All-Pro Wrestling tag team title with partner "Blackjack" Bobby Colt ... Powerful competitor hails from Tombstone, Arizona ... Doesn't fear anyone.



Bugsy Slugg was trained by the Hart family

467 LANCE DIAMOND (6'2", 226, 6, NL) This egotistical loudmouth is hailed as the best technical wrestler ever to compete in the ECWA ... "Glamour Boy" is a four-time former ECWA heavyweight champion and two-time former tag team champion ... Battled Cheetah Master in several wild ladder and steel cage matches.

468 SAL BELLOMO (5'10", 240, 18, 363) Veteran wrestler has slowed down a little, but still competes in the Eastern independents ... Used to wrestle under the name Centurion Marsella ... Has also competed in ECW, where he used to toss stuffed animals to the crowd.

469 KING KONG CRUSTY (6'2", 340, 3, NL) Current CWA champion ... Former AWC heavyweight titleholder and tag team champion with Tony Golden ... Competes in Kentucky, Ohio, and Florida independents ... Ranked 417th in the 1993 "PW1500" ... Formerly known as Crusty Staubach.

470 JIMMY CICERO (6'1", 245, 4, NL) "Wiseguy" currently holds the SCW tag team title with partner Brian Perry ... Former CCWA tag team champion ... Turned his back on the fans and former partner Steve Storm ... High-flyer was trained by Ivan Koloff.

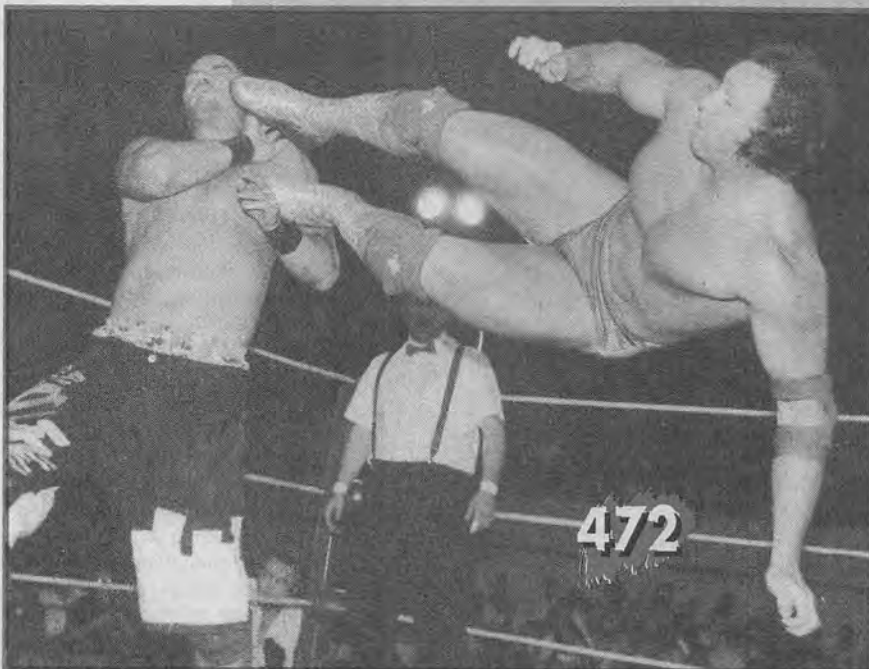
471 BART SAWYER (6', 222, 5, 296) Competes in Pacific Northwest independents ... Nicknamed Bart because of his resemblance to Bart Simpson ... Real first name is Steve ... Has also wrestled in the USWA.

472 JACKIE FULTON (5'11", 225, 7, 335) Younger brother of Bobby Fulton, he sometimes teams with his brother ... Slightly taller, heavier, and stronger than Bobby, but not as seasoned ... Competes mainly in the Southern independents.

473 BODYGUARD FOR HIRE (6'3", 265, 2, NL) Two-year veteran has already held several singles titles, including the ECPW heavyweight belt ... Tough brawler has also won several streetfighting belts in the UWA ... Brooklyn, New York, native puts away most challengers with choke-slams.

474 BRIAN PERRY (6', 235, 3, NL) Currently holds the SCW tag team title with Jimmy Cicero ... "Hot Stuff" is known for throwing fireballs at his opponents ... Trained by Ivan Koloff.

475 DANIE BRITS (6', 235, 12, 322) Veteran wrestler is competing quite a bit in South Africa ... Won many championships as an amateur ... Feuded with Tiger Jeet Singh ... Has competed in WWC.



Jackie Fulton is not yet as fantastic as his brother, Bobby

476 STEVE NIXON (5'10", 212, 4, NL) Definitely one of the toughest young competitors in Midwest Territorial Wrestling ... Has been feuding with the tag team Los Rudos ... Frequently teams with Sean Casey.

477 FREIGHT TRAIN FREDDY (6'4", 305, 2, 308) Popular young wrestler is competing in several Florida independents ... Held the IPWA Southeastern title last year ... Continues to improve.

478 CAT BURGLAR (5'10", 220, 1, NL) Wrestles while on furlough from the Maryland State Penitentiary ... Appropriately enough, he was convicted on several counts of burglary ... Very competitive and very sneaky light heavyweight ... Not to be trusted.

479 CHRIS STEVENSON (6'1", 270, 3, NL) This Durham, North Carolina, native is one of SCW's most popular wrestlers ... Former MAWA champion is a top contender to the SCW championship ... A powerful wrestler with a dangerous elbowdrop ... Often compared to a young Dusty Rhodes (really!) ... Had a brutal series of bouts with Vladimir Koloff.

480 BOOGIE WOOGIE BROWN (6'1", 346, 6, NL) "People's champion" of the ECWA has held every belt in the federation ... This happy-go-lucky guy is loved by fans of all ages ... Very agile for his size and finishes many of his opponents with his big splash.

481 COUSIN BUBBA (6'2", 386, 10, NL) Big, lovable man from Fairmont, Indiana, is currently feuding with Ronnie Vegas, Bobby Colt, and The Bounty Hunter in All-Pro Wrestling ... Hillbilly is hugely popular in the Midwest.

482 RONNIE VEGAS (5'10", 265, 7, NL) "Diceman" is the current All-Pro heavyweight champion ... Sometimes relies on the interference of his manager, Playboy Johnny Lee, to score victories ... Native of Las Vegas is no gambler.

483 SEAN CASEY (5'9", 223, 6, 453) His speed, agility, and aerial moves make him popular with female fans ... Competes throughout the Midwest, from MTW to the USWA ... Cincinnati native now bills himself from Hollywood.

484 ADAM FLASH (5'9", 210, 3, NL) Resembles The Kid in both looks and style, though he is not nearly as polished ... Wrestles throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland Independents ... Lack of size puts him at a disadvantage against larger opponents ... He and partner Quinn Nash rely on quick tags, speed, and agility.

485 DEATH ROW #3260 (6'3", 280, 6, 472) Occasionally wrestles in ECW ... Mainly wrestles in the Florida independents ... Managed by The Warden ... Wears illegal steel-toed boots into the ring.

486 TOMMY "CALAVERA" CORTEZ (6', 207, 1, NL) One-half of the street-smart tag team Los Rudos along with Ricco Rodriguez ... Los Rudos are currently the BCW tag team champions ... Also competes in Midwest Territorial Wrestling.

487 STEVEN DEBBES (5'10", 219, 7, 479) Has competed in Africa, Japan, Puerto Rico, and Russia ... Another high-flyer in the mold of Jushin Liger ... Held the South African junior heavyweight championship ... Nicknamed "The Tornado."

488 MAJOR HAVOC (6'2", 278, 1, NL) This Kentucky native is currently competing in the AIWF in North Carolina ... He has already held the AIWF U.S. title once and is currently the number-one contender to that championship.

489 BRIAN MICHAELS (6'1", 201, 6, NL) Formerly known as Johnny Castle, this Winston-Salem, North Carolina, native is currently wrestling in the IWA ... Wrestles mostly singles, and has held the IWA U.S. and Mid-Atlantic titles ... Feuding with The Terminator ... No-nonsense brawler is hated by the fans.

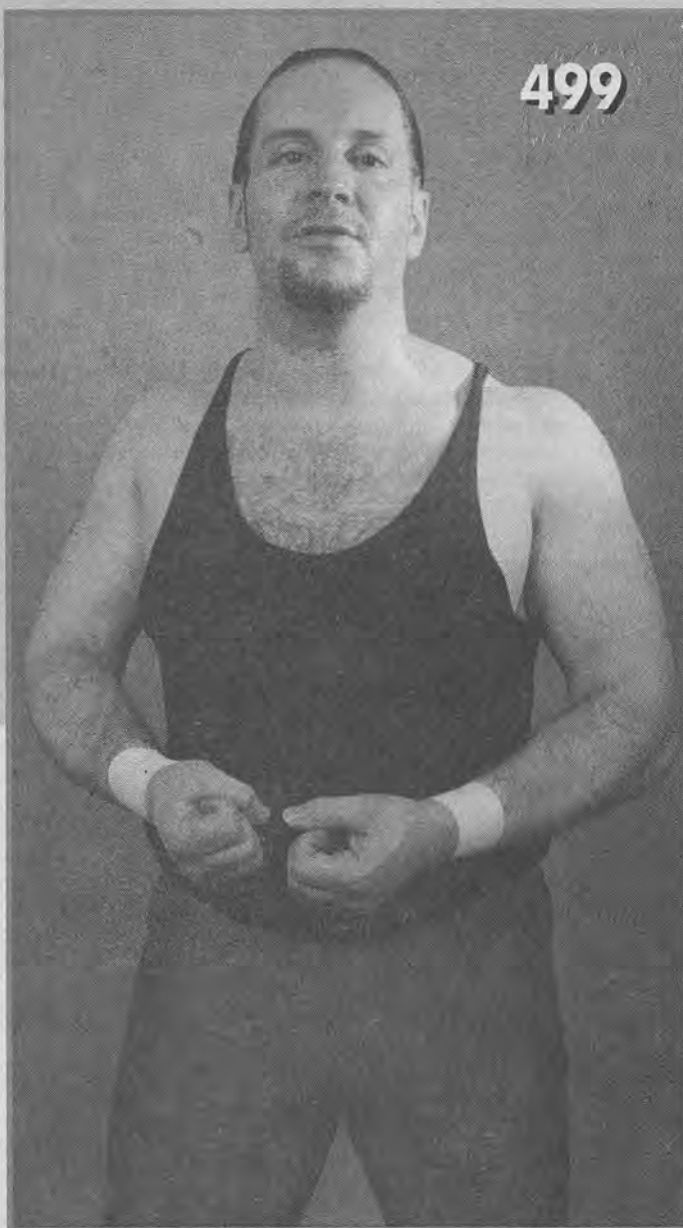
490 JIM POPE (6', 225, 4, 293) Rising star in the Pacific Northwest independents ... Gresham, Oregon, native is deceptively strong for his small stature ... Favorite move is the suplex from the top rope.

491 TRACY AUSTIN (6'2", 239, 2, NL) One-half of the Lone Star Wrestling tag team champions ... Tall, blond youngster also frequently competes in Texas independents ... Doesn't play tennis.

492 HURRICANE LEWIS (6'2", 350, 3, NL) Has taken the Kentucky-based Universal Wrestling Federation by storm ... A top contender to the UWF heavyweight title ... Favorite move is called "The Twister."

493 MONGOLIAN MAULER (6'2", 303, 11, 346) Protege of Abdullah the Butcher is highly reminiscent of him in style ... Black-eyed madman is a pure brawler and one of the strangest-looking wrestlers in the world ... Often competes in Europe.

494 RICH MYERS (5'11", 215, 3, NL) Known as "Ramblin'" Rich in the East Coast independents ... Currently feuding with former tag team partner Jimmy Jannetty ... Gaining much-needed experience and making improvement ... Frequently wrestles at WWF TV tapings, but hasn't had much success.



"The Devious One" has had a startling rise to mediocrity

495 MATT BELTSTER (5'9", 152, 1, NL) Youngster is wise beyond his years ... Extremely quick study ... Is always full of surprises ... 1994 Rookie of the Year in PCW ... Native of Reading, Pennsylvania.

496 "PLAYBOY" JOHNNY LEE (6', 250, 5, NL) Wrestles in Pro Wrestling International ... When he isn't teaming with "Diceman" Ronnie Vegas in the Midwest independents, he is usually serving as his manager.

497 ROBERT ROMA (5'11", 200, 2, NL) The current AIWF U.S. champion, he has held the belt on two other occasions in his brief career ... Native of Long Island, New York ... Has an impressive repertoire of moves and holds.

498 SEBASTIAN KANE (6'5", 314, 4, NL) Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, native is currently competing in the AIWF ... Has held the AIWF heavyweight title twice ... He and "Dangerous" Don Carson are now the top contenders to the AIWF tag team title.

499 DONN E. ALLEN (5'10", 185, 7, 500) Last year's number 500 improved slightly in the last 12 months ... "The Devious One" wrestled sporadically in ECW, but did not fare much better than last year.

500 KEVIN KIRBY (5'11", 290, 6, NL) This fan favorite has competed in the NAWA, IWA, CCW, and all over the Carolina independent scene ... Has respectable technical skills, but can also brawl ... Was trained by former NWA wrestler Mike Somaini.

FAREWELL TO THE 500

The list of active wrestlers is ever changing due to its year-round activity. Since last year's "PWI 500," some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, retired, or deceased. Some have moved on to managing wrestlers. Still others have dropped from this year's survey for other reasons. [Note: The proliferation of Doinks has forced us to disqualify all but the WWF version.]

Keys are as follows: (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list; (DQ) disqualified; (I) inactive; (M) Manager; (NR) not rated; (R) retired.

American Love Machine (D)

Bryant Anderson (I)

Lou Andrews (NR)

Mike Anthony (I)

Billy Black (NR)

Black Bart (I)

Black Scorpion (NR)

Black Tiger (NC)

Ned Brady (NR)

Barroom Brawler (NR)

Big D (NR)

Blaze Bigelow (NR)

Bobby Blade (NR)

B. Brian Blair (R)

Brett Blair (NR)

Greg Bobchick (NR)

Caveman Broda (NR)

Rusty Brooks (NR)

Jim Brunzell (R)

Bulldozer (NR)

Big Bully Busick (I)

Boy Gone Bad (I)

Haystacks Calhoun Jr. (NR)

Johnny Canuck (NR)

Dan Childers (NR)

Bruiser Brian Cox (I)

Bam Bam Coalson (NR)

Kent Cole (I)

Keith Cole (I)

Cruel Connection II (NR)

Crush (I)

Steven Dane (I)

Cpl. Daril Danials (NR)

Dan Davis (NR)

Joel Deaton (I)

Col. DeBeers (NR)

Rocky Dellaserra (R)

Damian Demento (I)

Doink II (DQ)

Chick Donovan (NR)

Judge Dread (NR)

Kirk Dredd (NR)

Chris Duffy (NR)

Derrick Dukes (NR)

Mr. Dynamic (NR)

Robbie Eagle (NC)

Earthquake (NC)

Terry Embry (DL)

Jerry Faith (NR)

Tony Falk (NR)

Festus (I)

Firewalker (I)

Scotty Flamingo (NC)

Soulman Alex G. (NR)

Doug Gibson (NR)

Eddie Gilbert (D)

Duane Gill (NR)

Wayne Gill (NR)

Gladiator II (NR)

Mike Golden (NR)

Giant Gonzales (R)

Troy Graham (R)

Guardian Angel (NC)

Ron Harris (NC)

Don Harris (NC)

Greg Hart (NR)

Michael Hayes (NR)

Hercules (NR)

Dino Hernandez (I)

Johnny Hot Body (NR)

Barry Houston (NR)

Hollywood Hubie (NR)

The Intruder (NR)

Iraninan Butcher (I)

T.J. Jackson (NR)

Glen Jacobs (NC)

J.R. James (NR)

Tommy Jammer (NR)

Jaques (R)

Gorilla Johnson (NR)

Rick Justice (I)

Kane (NC)

Steve Keirn (NR)

Kendo the Samurai (I)

Killer (NR)

Silver King II (NR)

Awesome Kong (NR)

King Kong (NR)

Calvin Knapp (NR)

K.C. Knight (NR)

Knuckles Nelson (NR)

Kole (NC)

Ivan Koloff (R)

Kwang the Ninja (NC)

Lightning (I)

Paul Lloyd (NR)

Jerry Lynn (R)

Sunset Sam McGraw (NR)

Tim McNeany (NR)

Mean Mike (NR)

Mohammed the Butcher (D)

Moose Montana (NR)

Rob Morgan (NR)

Masayoshi Motegi (NR)

Don Muraco (NR)

Jeff O'Day (NR)

Atsushi Onita (R)

Maxx Payne (NC)

Al Perez (I)

Lou Perez (NR)

Shanghai Pierce (NC)

Pierre (NC)

Chris Pilon (NR)

Roddy Piper (NR)

Plowboy Wilbur (NR)

Lanny Poffo (NR)

Karl Pope (NR)

Alex Porteau (NR)

Prince Kharis (I)

Psycho Mike (NR)

John Rambo (NR)

The Ram Man (NR)

Ron Reis (I)

Brad Rheingans (R)

Mr. Right (NR)

Deke Rivers (NR)

Jake Roberts (R)

Rockin' Rebel (NR)

Blare Rogers (NR)

Wayne Rogers (NR)

Raymond Rougeau (R)

Buddy Rose (I)

Frankie Rose (I)

Mike Roselli (NR)

Ric Rude (DL)

Dane Rush (NR)

Mr. Saito (NR)

Samu (NC)

Sasheem (NR)

Rip Sawyer (NR)

Suicide Samson (NR)

Papa Shango (NC)

Mike Sharpe (NR)

Abduah Singh (NC)

Tex Slazenger (NC)

Sparky Plugg (NC)

J.T. Smith (NR)

Spellbinder (NC)

Louie Spicolli (NC)

The Spider (I)

Spider I (NC)

Spider II (NC)

Dan Spivey (NC)

Rick Steamboat (R)

Mike Stone (NR)

Brett Striker (NR)

Shawn Summers (NR)

Neil Superior (NR)

Terry Taylor (R)

Tennessee Equalizer (NR)

Thunder (NC/NR)

Tony the Annihilator (NR)

Billy Travis (NR)

Randy Tyler (NR)

Juan Valdes (NR)

Danie Vogues (NR)

P.J. Walker (NC)

Buddy Wayne (NR)

Flex Wheeler (NR)

Chris Weider (NC)

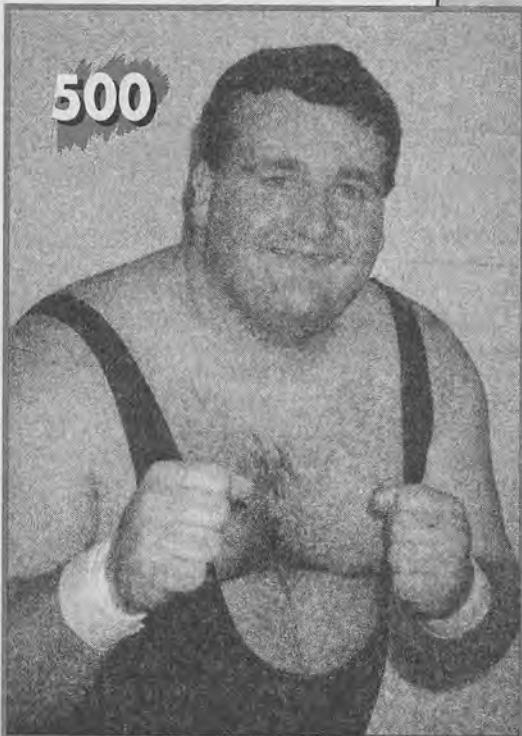
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UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

SUN VALLEY—Slammers Wrestling Federation at the Slammers Gym: Dynamite D beat The Samoan Kid ... Verne Langdon beat Tyrone "Tiny" Little ... The Samoan Kid beat The Gargoyle ... El Toro Bravo defeated "Beautiful" Bruce Beaudine to win the vacant heavyweight championship. (08-06-95)

—Gregg John

LAKE ELSIMORE—WWF at The Diamond: Adam Bomb beat Rad Radford ... Waylon Mercy beat The Kid ... World Women's champion Alundra Blayze beat Bertha Faye ... Diesel & Shawn Michaels beat Irwin R. Schyster & Tatanka ... Fatu beat Henry Godwinn ... World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna beat Lex Luger & Davey Boy Smith ... The Undertaker beat Kama in a casket match. (07-28-95)

—Phil Ellerson

HUNTINGTON BEACH—WCW's Bash at the Beach pay-per-view on Huntington Beach: U.S. champion Sting pinned Meng ... TV champion The Renegade (managed by Jimmy Hart) beat Paul Orndorff ... Kamala (managed by Kevin Sullivan) defeated Hacksaw Duggan after Zodiac interfered ... "Diamond" Dallas Page (with The Diamond Doll & Max Muscle) defeated Dave Sullivan ... World tag team champions Harlem Heat (managed by Sherri Martel) defeated The Nasty Boys and Bobby Eaton & Lord Steven Regal in a triangle match ... Randy Savage pinned Ric Flair in a lifeguard match ... World champion Hulk Hogan beat Big Van Vader in a steel cage match by climbing over the top of the cage and dropping to the floor. After the match, Ric Flair & Arn Anderson attacked Vader, but he chased them back to the dressing room. (07-16-95)

—Brandon Seth Apter

FLORIDA

DAYTONA BEACH—WCW Main Event/Clash

of the Champions XXXI at the Ocean Center: The Nasty Boys defeated Las Especialistas ... Brian Pillman pinned Marcus Alexander Bagwell ... World champion Hulk Hogan (managed by Jimmy Hart) beat Kamala by disqualification in a non-title match when Kevin Sullivan interfered ... Road Warrior Hawk & Sting beat Meng & Kurasawa (managed by Col. Robert Parker) when Hawk pinned Kurasawa ... "Diamond" Dallas Page (with The Diamond Doll) beat Alex Wright ... TV champion The Renegade (managed by Jimmy Hart) beat Paul Orndorff ... Harlem Heat & Sherri Martel defeated Bunkhouse Buck, Dick Slater, & Col. Robert Parker when Sherri pinned Parker ... Big Van Vader beat Arn Anderson & Ric Flair in a handicap match when he pinned Anderson following a power bomb. (08-06-95)

—Rich Havern

TAMPA—Extreme Championship Wrestling at the Expo Center: The Pit Bulls beat Vampire Warrior & Dudley Dudley ... Marty Jannetty beat The Terrorist ... Mikey Whipwreck won a battle royal to earn a shot at the heavyweight title ... Heavyweight champion The Sandman beat Mikey Whipwreck ... Ian Rotten beat Bull Pain ... Tag team champions Raven & Steve Richards beat Tommy Dreamer & Luna Vachon ... Dean Malenko defeated TV champion Eddy Guerrero to win the belt ... 2 Cold Scorpio defeated Hack Myers ... Public Enemy defeated The Gangstas. (07-21-95)

—Mike Walsh

GEORGIA

ROSSVILLE—Tri-Star Wrestling at the TWA Arena: Dallas Steele beat The Outpatient & Dr. Lechter in a handicap match ... The Nightmare beat The Shadow by disqualification ... The New One Man Gang & Sam Colt beat Cameron & Chuck Colt ... Jason Valentine & The Warlock beat Richie Dye & Rick Justice ... Heavyweight champion Mark Pain pinned Jimmy Sharpe. (07-28-95)

—Bill Needham

ATLANTA—WCW Saturday Night taping at Center Stage Theater: Arn Anderson (with Ric Flair) defeated Rick Hayes ... Harlem Heat beat Larry Santo & John Wheeler ... Brian Pillman pinned Sonny Trout ... TV champion The Renegade (managed by Jimmy Hart) defeated Max Muscle ... Ric Flair (with Arn Anderson) pinned Alex Wright ... Chad Brach beat Chris Canyon ... Cobra beat Tom Burton ... Johnny B. Badd pinned The Grappler ... Kurasawa (managed by Col. Robert Parker) beat Tony Jackson ... Kamala (managed by Kevin

Sullivan) pinned Bob Starr ... Harlem Heat beat Bobby Hayes & Barry Houston ... TV champion The Renegade (managed by Jimmy Hart) defeated Ray Hudson ... Bobby Eaton & Lord Steven Regal beat Italian Stallion & Leslie Griffin ... "Diamond" Dallas Page (with The Diamond Doll) beat Mike Davis ... Marcus Alexander Bagwell & Alex Wright defeated World tag team champions Bunkhouse Buck & Dick Slater (managed by Col. Robert Parker) by disqualification when Parker ran into the ring after Sherri Martel began chasing him. (07-26-95)

—Vince Bogni

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO—Windy City Wrestling at the "Taste Of The East Side" Festival: Lightweight champion Steve Boz pinned Brandon Bishop ... Middleweight champion Ripper Manson pinned Severance ... League champion Turbo pinned Black Hammer ... Mighty Kodiak defeated heavyweight champion "Iron" Mike Samson by disqualification when Vinnie "The Torch" Carbone interfered ... Haystacks Ross & Brandon Bishop beat Overkill & Brett Sanders when Ross pinned Sanders. (07-15-95)

—Steve Cain

INDIANA

EVANSVILLE—WWF Superstars taping at the Roberts Municipal Stadium (highlights): Lex Luger & Davey Boy Smith beat World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna by disqualification ... Mabel beat Razor Ramon ... Razor Ramon, Savio Vega, & The Kid beat Uncle Zebekiah & Jacob & Eli Blu ... Shawn Michaels, Diesel, & The Undertaker beat Sid Vicious, Kama, & Tatanka ... Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels beat Skip in a non-title match ... Bret Hart beat Hakushi in a cage match. (07-25-95)

—Bob Smalley

KENTUCKY

BARBOURVILLE—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Knox Central High School: Brian Armstrong beat Headbanger Mosh ... USWA tag team champions PG-13 beat Robert Gibson & Bobby Blaze ... Tony Anthony & Tracey Smothers defeated Al Snow & Unibomb ... Tommy Rich & Terry Gordy beat Boo Bradley & The Mongolian Stomper in a grudge match ... Tag team champions The Heavenly Bodies defeated Tony Anthony & Tracey Smothers ... Brad Armstrong (with Bob Armstrong) beat Buddy Landell (with Jim Cornette)

by disqualification.
(08-05-95)

—Mike DiMuzio

LOUISVILLE—USWA at the Louisville Gardens: Gorgeous George III beat Cory Williams ... Brandon Baxter beat Miss Texas ... Axl Rotten beat Scott Studd ... Tracey Smothers beat Pat Tanaka by disqualification ... Brian Lee beat Bill Dundee by disqualification ... Southern champion Billy Jack Haynes beat Steven Dunn ... Heavyweight champion Jerry Lawler beat Buddy Landell by disqualification ... Robert Gibson & Tracey Smothers beat PG-13 in a Texas death match.
(07-25-95)

—Karen Wopat

LOUISVILLE—WWF Monday Night Raw broadcast and taping at the Louisville Gardens (highlights): Bam Bam Bigelow beat Tatanka in a strap match ... Razor Ramon & Savio Vega beat World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna by countout ... Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels beat Jimmy Del Ray in a non-title match ... Bret Hart beat Hakushi ... World champion Diesel beat Mo ... The Undertaker beat Kama in a casket match ... Bret Hart & Shawn Michaels beat Jacob & Eli Blu ... World champion Diesel beat Sid Vicious in a cage match.
(07-24-95)

—Janet Collings

LOUISIANA

SORRENTO—UAW at Ascension Civic Center: Kenny Valiant defeated Black Jack Daniels ... Rockin' Rebel defeated The Clown ... Ken Timbs (with Gen. Skandor Akbar) beat Rob Steiner ... Mr. Wrestling III (with Gen. Skandor Akbar) beat Terry Gordy by countout ... Rottweiler beat Brother Love.
(07-29-95)

—Brett Wolfe

MARYLAND

EMMITSBURG—WWF at Mount St. Mary's College: Skip defeated Nick Barbary ... Jean-Pierre Lafitte defeated Duke "The Dumpster" Droese ... Bob Backlund beat Man Mountain Rock ... Hakushi beat Aldo Montoya ... The Smokin' Gunns beat Eli & Jacob Blu ... Hunter Hearst Helmsley beat Doink the Clown ... Savio Vega beat Mabel by disqualification.
(08-04-95)

—Harvey Parsons

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—WWF Wrestling Challenge taping at the Kiel Center (highlights): Lex Luger & Davey Boy Smith beat World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna by disqualification ... Fantasio beat Rad Radford ... Bam Bam Bigelow beat Tatanka in a strap match ... The Undertaker beat Kama in a casket match ... Bret Hart & Shawn Michaels beat Hakushi & Jerry Lawler ... World champion Diesel beat Yokozuna in a cage match.
(07-26-95)

—Brendan Frentz

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—National Wrestling Conference at the Silver Nugget Casino: Silver Wings defeated Little Haystacks ... Larry Powers beat Cincinnati Red ... The Native Warriors beat Third Dimension & Starman ... Thug beat Blackhawk ... Johnny "Psycho" Paine beat Carlos Mata ... Zuma beat Don Juan by disqualification ... Bobby Bradley & Rob Van

Dam beat Superboy & Principe Hindu ... The Ultimate Warrior pinned The Honky Tonk Man.
(07-22-95)

—George Rivers

NEW JERSEY

HALEDON—NWA at the PAL Fairgrounds: The Inferno Kid wrestled Ace Darling to a time-limit draw ... Doink the Clown pinned Rick Ratchet (with Donnie B.) ... Gino Caruso & David Sammartino beat Bryan Rollins & Ghetto Blaster (with Dirty Deeds) ... Jim Powers & Johnny Gunn beat Glenn Osbourne and Derrick Domino ... Heavyweight champion Dan Severn beat Andre Baker by chokehold submission ... Jimmy Snuka pinned The Metal Maniac ... North American champion Tommy Cairo wrestled Ace Darling to a double-disqualification.
(07-29-95)

—Bart Orkline & Chuck Langerman

HAMMONTON—NWA at the Columbia Caterers: Ace Darling pinned Rick Ratchet (with Donnie B. Deviously) ... James "The Postman" Kaiser pinned George Love ... Derrick Domino & Glenn Osbourne battled The Bad Crew to a double-disqualification ... Gino Caruso pinned The Inferno Kid ... Johnny Gunn pinned Devon Storm (with Destiny) ... North American champion Tommy Cairo pinned David Sammartino.
(07-28-95)

—Bart Orkline & Chuck Langerman

SAYREVILLE—WWF at the High School: Skip (with Sunny) defeated Nick Barbary ... Jean-Pierre Lafitte defeated "Man O' War" Aldo Montoya ... Adam Bomb beat Hakushi ... Savio Vega defeated Mabel (with Mo) by disqualification ... Hunter Hearst Helmsley defeated Doink the Clown ... Bam Bam Bigelow defeated King Kong Bundy.
(07-14-95)

—John Gubernot

NEW YORK

WHITE PLAINS—WWF at the Westchester County Center: Hunter Hearst Helmsley beat Mike Bell ... Jean Pierre Lafitte beat Duke "The Dumpster" Droese ... The Smokin' Gunns beat Eli & Jacob Blu ... Skip defeated Aldo Montoya ... Savio Vega beat Hakushi ... Bob Backlund beat Man Mountain Rock ... Razor Ramon beat Mabel by disqualification.
(08-02-95)

—Nicholas DiSantia

MIDDLETOWN—Extreme Championship Wrestling at the Orange County Fair Speedway: Jim Powers beat Primo Carnera III ... Hack Myers beat The Big Valley ... Tag team champions Raven & Steve Richards beat The Pit Bulls ... Marty Jannetty wrestled Jim Neidhart to a double-disqualification ... Eddy Guerrero beat TV champion Dean Malenko to win the belt ... Rick & Scott Steiner beat Dudley Dudley & Vampire Warrior ... Cactus Jack beat heavyweight champion The Sandman by disqualification ... Public Enemy beat The Gangstas.
(07-28-95)

—Michael DiMuzio

UNIONDALE—Coast to Coast Wrestling's "Summer Invasion '95" at Nassau Community College: A.J. Steel beat The Black Panther ... Mongo Vyle beat Whitestar ... Skull Von Crush pinned Jim Powers ... Sunny Beach beat The Evil Clown ... Heavyweight champion "Delicious" Dave Power pinned Tony

Rambo ... Chuckie beat The Intruder ... Don Juan beat "Iron" Mike Sharpe ... Jim Neidhart beat Marty Jannetty ... L.A. Gorgeous beat Coco Savage ... "Ironman" Tommy Cairo beat Vinnie Magnetti ... Heavyweight champion Dave Power beat Crash ... The Bodyguard pinned Sir Christopher Michaels in a falls-count-anywhere match.
(07-15-95)

—Henry Pollard

NORTH CAROLINA

CONCORD—Carolina Championship Wrestling at Hartsell School Gym: David Osbourne beat Ray Mullis in a special referee vs. referee match ... Mike Winner & Billy Simmons beat The Gravedigger & Chris Hamrick ... Pez Whatley wrestled War Machine Maxx to a draw ... Rick Link wrestled Major DeBeers to a double-countout ... Willie Clay beat Gary Royal ... Colt Steele & Speedy Gonzalez beat L.A. Stephens & Rikki Nelson.
(08-05-95)

—Dan Parris

MARION—Pro Wrestling Federation at the Recreational Center: Russian Assassin beat Randy Sledge ... Terminator Rex beat Super Ninja ... Madd Maxxine beat Sunshine ... George South beat Carolina Dreamer ... The Enforcers beat Italian Stallion & Star Ryder by disqualification ... George South won a battle royal.
(08-05-95)

—Evelyn Carney

PFAFFTOWN—AIWF at the West Central Community Center: Boston Terrier defeated heavyweight champion Black Knight in a non-title match ... The Tennessee Intimidators beat The Tennessee Violence Authority in a no-disqualification match ... Tag team champions Dixie Dynamite beat Brian Danzig & Black Death ... Lightweight champion Chris Windham beat Rick Deeze in a bullrope match; after the bout, Windham was stripped of the title for attacking a referee ... Jammer beat Major Havoc ... Robert Roma beat Indian Outlaw.
(08-05-95)

—Dean Puckett

ELKIN—Pro Wrestling Federation at the National Guard Armory: Russian Assassin beat Randy Sledge ... Terminator Rex beat Texas Outlaw ... Star Ryder beat George South ... The Enforcers beat Carolina Dreamer & Italian Stallion ... George South won a battle royal.
(08-04-95)

—Jim Rowan

CHARLOTTE—WCW at the Independence Arena: "Diamond" Dallas Page (with Diamond Doll) defeated Dave Sullivan ... Hacksaw Duggan wrestled Kamala to a double-disqualification ... TV champion The Renegade wrestled Paul Orndorff (substituting for Arn Anderson) to a time-limit draw ... World tag team champions Dick Slater & Bunkhouse Buck (with Col. Robert Parker) defeated Marcus Bagwell & Alex Wright ... Harlem Heat defeated Bobby Eaton & Lord Steven Regal ... U.S. champion Sting beat Meng (with Col. Robert Parker) by disqualification ... Ric Flair beat Randy Savage.
(07-28-95)

—Michael Carpenter

MOUNT AIRY—AIWF TV taping at the Veterans Memorial Park: King Cobra defeated Brian Danzig ... The Tennessee Violence

Authority beat **Damage Inc.** ... Light heavyweight champion **Chris Windham** wrestled **Jumpin' Jimmy** to a double-countout ... **Jammer** defeated **Major Havoc** ... The **Tennessee Violence Authority** defeated **The Tennessee Intimidators** in a back-alley pole match ... Tag team champions **Dixie Dynamite** beat **Black Knight & Indian Outlaw**. After the match, **The Texas Outlaw** attacked **Black Knight** ... **Wahoo McDaniel** beat **Rick Deezel** in an Indian strap match. (07-22-95)

—Dean Puckett

OHIO

CUYAHOGA FALLS—IWA/ASWA children's charity show at the Bingo Palace: **Pete The Pirate** beat **Cole "The Tank" Parker** ... **Max Profit** pinned **"Wildcat" Chris Harris** ... **Lord Zoltan** (managed by **Notorious Norm**) defeated **T.C. Reynolds** ... IWA heavyweight champion **Bubba The Stompin' Hillbilly** beat **The Green Hornet** by forfeit ... **Bo Dacious** pinned **Lumberin' Jack** ... **The Grave Digger** (managed by **Will M. Balmer**) beat **The Prince Of Polyester** ... ASWA heavyweight champion **Thunder Morgan** & ASWA light heavyweight champion **Kid Collins** wrestled to a double-countout with ASWA tag team champions **"Handsome" Frank Stalletto & "Beef Stew" Lou Marconi** in a match in which all three titles were on the line ... **T. Rantula** (managed by **Notorious Norm**) beat **Doink The Clown**. (07-15-95)

—Jeff Gorman

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Extreme Championship Wrestling's "Wrestlepalooza '95" at the ECW Arena: **J.T. Smith** pinned **Hack Myers** after **The Big Valley** interfered ... **The Big Valley** beat **Tony Stetson** by disqualification when **Hack Myers** interfered ... **Raven, Steve Richards, Dudley Dudley, & Snot Dudley** (with **Beulah McGillicutty**) beat **The Pit Bulls, Tommy Dreamer, & Cactus Jack** when **Jack** turned against the other members of his team and DDT'd **Dreamer**, allowing **Raven** to get the pin ... **2 Cold Scorpio, Dean Malenko, & Cactus Jack** beat **Eddy Guerrero, Rick Steiner, & Scott Steiner** when **Malenko** pinned **Guerrero** ... **Mikey Whipwreck** pinned heavyweight champion **The Sandman** (with **Woman**) in a non-title match in which the loser got 10 lashes with a cane ... **The Gangstas** beat **Public Enemy** in a stretcher match. (08-05-95)

—Bart Orkline

PHILADELPHIA—Extreme Championship Wrestling at the ECW Arena: **Mikey Whipwreck** pinned **Stormin' Norman** ... **Tony Stetson & Donn E. Allen** beat tag team champions **Raven & Steve Richards** (with **Beulah McGillicutty**) by countout ... **Hack Myers** pinned **The Big Valley** ... **The Pit Bulls & Tommy Dreamer** beat **Raven, Dudley Dudley, & Snot Dudley** ... **2 Cold Scorpio & Dean Malenko** beat **Taz & Eddy Guerrero** ... Heavyweight champion **The Sandman** (with **Woman**) pinned **Axl Rotten** ... **Luna Vachon** defeated **Steve Richards** by submission in a steel cage match ... **The Gangstas** beat **Public Enemy** in an anything-goes steel cage match when **Mustafa Saed** pinned **Johnny Grunge**. (07-15-95)

—Bart Orkline

WILLIAMSPORT—WWF at Lamade Gymnasium: **Skip** defeated **Aldo Montoya** ... **Jean-Pierre Lafitte** defeated **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** ... **Hunter Hearst**

Helmsley beat **Doink The Clown** ... **The Smokin' Gunns** beat **Eli & Jacob Blu** ... **Bob Backlund** beat **Man Mountain Rock** ... **Savio Vega** beat **Hakushi** ... **Razor Ramon** defeated **Mabel**. (08-05-95)

—Dick Tanberry

GILBERTSVILLE—Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling at the Gilbertsville Fire Company: **Double Delight** (with **Juliet**) defeated **Tombstone & Kevin King** ... Junior heavyweight champion **Steve Corino** defeated **The Midnight Rocker** (with **Judd The Studd**) by disqualification ... **Jimmy B. Good & Butcher Blackwell** defeated **Mark & Troy Mest** ... **The Heavenly Bodies** defeated tag team champions **Jimmy Deo & Maxx Crimson** to win the title ... **Crash The Terminator** defeated **Johnny Gunn** in a lumberjack match ... U.S. champion **Jeff Jarrett** defeated **Jim Powers**. (07-21-95)

—Michael J. DiMuzio

READING—Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling at the Silo Nightclub: **Double Delight** (with **Juliet**) defeated **Metalhead & Stryker** ... **Butcher Blackwell** beat **"Big" Mark Mest** (managed by **Troy Mest**) ... **Jimmy B. Good** (managed by **Judd The Studd**) defeated **"Blue Collar" Kevin Quinn** ... **Ubas** pinned **Chuck Sloan** after a moonsault ... Junior heavyweight champion **Steve Corino** pinned **The Midnight Rocker** ... Tag team champions **Jimmy Deo & Maxx Crimson** (managed by **Capt. Lou Albano**) defeated **The Heavenly Bodies** (managed by **Judd The Studd**) when **Deo** pinned **Tom Prichard** ... Heavyweight champion **Crash The Terminator** pinned **Johnny Gunn** in a lumberjack match after **Bad Attitude** interfered ... **Jeff Jarrett** pinned **Jim Powers** with his own feet on the ropes in a match for the new U.S. heavyweight title. (07-20-95)

—Mark Eddison

RHODE ISLAND

WARWICK—WWF at the Musical Theater: **Skip** (with **Sunny**) defeated **Aldo Montoya** ... **Jean-Pierre Lafitte** beat **Duke Droese** ... **Razor Ramon** beat **Hunter Hearst Helmsley** by countout ... **The Smokin' Gunns** beat **Jacob & Eli Blu** ... **Bob Backlund** beat **Man Mountain Rock** ... **Savio Vega** beat **Hakushi** ... **Mabel** beat **Bam Bam Bigelow**. (07-28-95)

—Donna Ridge

SOUTH CAROLINA

NMAN—Pro Wrestling Federation at the National Guard Armory: **Carolina Dreamer** defeated **Russian Assassin** ... **Randy Sledge** defeated **Southern Rocker** ... **Madd Maxxine** defeated **The Spoiler** ... Tag team champions **Terry Austin & Austin Steele** defeated **Carolina Dreamer & Italian Stallion** ... Heavyweight champion **Star Ryder** defeated **"Gorgeous" George South**. (07-28-95)

—Tara Burnes

TENNESSEE

IBAN STATION—Southern Wrestling Association at Indian Cave Park: **Dr. Dan** beat **The Delaware Destroyer** ... **"Crazy" Bobby B** pinned **"Gorgeous" Steve Curio** ... **Night Rider** beat **Lynn Montana** ... **Stan Lee** beat **Eddie Golden** ... **Tennessee Boss Man & The Punishers** defeated **Deke Rivers, Mike Powers, & Jody Ray Rivers**. (08-05-95)

—Bill Needham

KNOXVILLE—Smoky Mountain Wrestling's "Super Bowl Of Wrestling" at the Civic Coliseum: **Brian Armstrong** beat **D-Lo Brown** ... **The Headbangers** beat **Flash Flanagan & Chris Michaels** ... USWA tag team champions **PG-13** beat **Jackie Fulton & Curtis Thompson** ... **The Punisher** (with **Jim Cornette**) beat **"Bullet" Bob Armstrong** ... **Al Snow** beat **Midwest Territorial Wrestling** heavyweight champion **Marty Jannetty** for the title ... NWA champion **Dan Severn** beat **Bobby Blaze** by submission ... **Terry Gordy & Tommy Rich** beat **Boo Bradley & The Mongolian Stomper** ... **Brad Armstrong** beat USWA Southern champion **Billy Jack Haynes** for the title ... **The Undertaker** beat **Unibomb** ... **The Heavenly Bodies** beat **Smoky Mountain** tag team champions **Tracey Smothers & Tony Anthony** to win the belts after **Jim Cornette** interfered ... **WWF Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels** pinned **"Nature Boy" Buddy Landell**. (08-04-95)

—Bobby Hurst & Michael DiMuzio

KNOXVILLE—Tennessee Mountain Wrestling at Chilhowee Park: **The Mad Russian** wrestled **The Superstar** to a double-disqualification ... **Thad Clark** beat **Mike Powers** ... **"Living Legend" Don Wright** (with manager **Terry Landell**) beat **Rick Conners** ... Ladies champion **Candi Devine** defeated **Robbie Rage** ... Tag team champions **The World Famous Spoilers** (with **Tony Peters**) defeated **Davey & Johnny Rich** ... Heavyweight champion **Chris Powers** (with **Tony Peters**) beat **Scott Armstrong** ... **"Cowboy" Paul Ray** beat **The Assassin**. (07-22-95)

—Bill Needham

MEMPHIS—USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Steven Dunn** defeated **Gorgeous George III** ... **Axl Rotten** defeated **Brian Lee** by disqualification ... **Brandon Baxter & Uptown Karen** defeated **Miss Texas** in a handicap match ... **Bill Dundee** beat **Pat Tanaka** by disqualification ... **Pat Tanaka, Brian Lee, Gorgeous George III, Uptown Karen, & Brandon Baxter** beat **Bill Dundee, Axl Rotten, Miss Texas, & Steven Dunn** ... **Randy Hales** beat **Mark Curtis** ... Southern champion **Billy Jack Haynes** beat heavyweight champion **Jerry Lawler** by disqualification ... **PG-13, Tommy Rich, & Doug Gilbert** beat **Robby Gibson, Buddy Landell, Terry Gordy, & Tracey Smothers**. (07-31-95)

—Mark Mitchell

MEMPHIS—USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Brickhouse Brown** and **Scott Studd** wrestled to a 10-minute time-limit draw ... **Tracey Smothers** beat **Gorgeous George III** ... **Steven Dunn** beat **Smoky Mountain** heavyweight champion **Buddy Landell** by disqualification when **Landell** threw him over the top rope ... **Jimmy Valiant** beat **Brandon Baxter** by countout ... **PG-13** beat tag team champions **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** to regain the belts ... Southern champion **Billy Jack Haynes** beat **Brian Christopher** when **Christopher** injured his elbow on the steel railing outside the ring and was unable to continue wrestling ... **Bill Dundee, Jerry Lawler, & Sid Vicious** beat **Jimmy Harris, Buddy Landell, & Brian Lee** in a six-man handcuff elimination match. (07-10-95)

—Mark Mitchell

ELIZABETHTON—Tennessee Championship Wrestling at the Recreational Center: **Alabama** **Hearthrob** beat **Black Widow** ... **J.C. Black**

beat Superstar II ... King Brothers beat Chris Steelheart & Thunderbolt ... The Crow beat Steve Skyfire ... Scott Sterling & Jeff Lovin defeated tag team champions Stan Lee & Eddie Golden for the title.
(07-29-95)

—Fay Ferguson

NASHVILLE—WWF In Your House pay-per-view at the Municipal Auditorium: The Roadie pinned The Kid at 7:25 ... Men On A Mission beat Razor Ramon & Savio Vega when Mabel pinned Ramon at 10:10 ... Bam Bam Bigelow pinned Henry Godwinn at 5:33 ... Shawn Michaels pinned Intercontinental champion Jeff Jarrett (with The Roadie) at 19:59 to win the title ... World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna (with Jim Cornette & Mr. Fuji) defeated Lex Luger & Davey Boy Smith when Yokozuna pinned Luger at 10:50 ... World champion Diesel pinned Sid Vicious at 10:33 in a lumberjack match.
(07-23-95)

—Paul Geary

OAK RIDGE—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the National Guard Armory: The Rock 'n' Roll Express beat The Headbangers ... Terry Gordy pinned Boo Bradley, using the ropes for leverage ... "Nature Boy" Buddy Landell (with Jim Cornette) pinned Brad Armstrong ... Tag team champions Tony Anthony & Tracey Smothers beat Al Snow & Unibomb ... Brad Armstrong won a \$5,000 pole battle royal.
(07-21-95)

—Tim Farmer

TEXAS

AMARILLO—Independent card at the Sports Arena: Treach Phelps Jr. beat Doug Masters ... Manuel Villa Lobos wrestled Dusty Wolfe to a time-limit draw ... Beautiful Bobby beat Little Tokyo in a midget match ... Killer Brooks beat Randy Rhodes by countout ... Dick Murdoch beat Mr. Wrestling III.
(07-28-95)

—Brett Wolfe

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ST. BARTHELEMY, QUEBEC—Superstar Wrestling Association at the Campgrounds: Jeff Jefferson beat Jason ... Big Rookie defeated Big Ben ... Iceman & Frank Blues beat Dream Killer & Phil Belanger ... Reggie Rapone beat Golem The Giant ... Mr. U.S.A. defeated The Dragon ... Power Wrangler beat heavyweight champion Dan May to win the title.
(07-22-95)

—Bertrand Hebert

JOLIETTE, QUEBEC—Jacques Rougeau Jr. Promotions at Joliette Arena: Without Limits beat Mike Anthony & Nelson Veilleux ... Carl LeDuc defeated Serge Rolland ... The Doormen beat Martin Roy & Andy Ellison ... "Werewolf" Hercules Hernandez beat Suni War Cloud ... Richard Charland defeated Abdullah The Butcher.
(07-19-95)

—Bertrand Hebert

VERDUN, QUEBEC—Jacques Rougeau Jr. Promotions at the Verdun Auditorium: Without Limits beat Nelson Veilleux & Mike Anthony ... Carl LeDuc beat Serge Rolland ... "Werewolf" Hercules Hernandez beat Suni War Cloud ... The Doormen beat Martin Roy & Andy Ellison ... Canadian ladies arm-

wrestling champion Lianne DuFresne beat Jacques Rougeau Jr. in an arm-wrestling match when The Doormen distracted Jacques ... Ron Garvin beat Gino Brito Jr. ... Abdullah The Butcher beat Richard Charland after Abdullah's manager, Frenchy Martin, interfered.
(07-14-95)

—Bertrand Hebert

JAPAN

ONODA CITY—IWA at City Hall: Keizo Matsuda beat Taisuke Taue ... Takashi Okano & Yoshira Tajiri beat Lion & Super Astro ... Dennis Power, Flying Kid Ichihara, & Mr. Gannosuke beat Yuji Sugawara, Keisuke Yamada, & Hiroshi Ono ... Tarzan Goto pinned The Crypt Keeper ... Shoji Nakamaki & Leatherface beat Cactus Jack & Barageile in a bunkhouse death match.
(07-13-95)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

SAEBO CITY—All-Japan Pro Wrestling at the City Gym: Masao Inoue pinned Maunakea Mossman ... The Wrecking Crew beat Chris & Mark Youngblood ... Shohei Baba, Mitsuo Momota, & Tamon Honda wrestled to a time-limit draw with Mighty Inoue, Haruka Eigen, & Masanobu Fuchi ... Kikuchi Tsuyoshi & Yoshinari Ogawa beat Kentaro Shiga & Jun Akiyama ... Satoru Osako & Mitsuharu Misawa beat Johnny Smith & Johnny Ace ... The Patriot pinned Kenta Kobashi ... Dan Kroffat, Doug Furnas, & Stan Hansen beat Takao Omari, Akira Taue, & Toshiaki Kawada.
(07-13-95)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY OCTOBER

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES—NWA at the Olympic Auditorium: Les Roberts beat Don Morrow ... Billy Graham wrestled to a draw with Takachio ... John Tolos beat Tony Rocco ... Black Gordman defeated El Medico ... Pedro Morales wrestled to a draw with Goliath ... La Pantera Negra beat Dale Lewis in a best-of-three-falls match ... World champion Dory Funk Jr. beat Fred Blassie.
(10-23-70)

—PWI archives

FLORIDA

MIAMI BEACH—NWA at Convention Hall: King Curtis beat Mike George ... Tony Charles & Mike Graham beat Mitsu Hata & Mr. Eito ... The Masked Superstars defeated Cyclone & Omar Negro ... Mark Lewin beat Roger Kirby in a Texas death match ... Dusty Rhodes & Rocky Johnson beat Larry Hennig & Bob Roop.
(10-01-75)

—Neil Jansens

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—WWWF at the Philadelphia Arena: Sammy Rubin defeated Tony Altmore ... Pete Sanchez beat Guillotine Gordon by disqualification ... Hans Mortier beat Smasher Sloan ... Edouard Carpentier & Dominic DeNucci defeated "Crazy" Luke Graham & Bull Ortega in a best-of-three-falls match ... Spiros Arion wrestled to a draw with Gorilla Monsoon ... World champion Bruno Sammartino pinned Prof. Toru Tanaka.
(10-28-67)

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"Psycho" Raven? That's the name reader Chip Bland would like to give this ECW rulebreaker because of all the crazy acts of violence he has perpetrated recently.

NO RAVES FOR RAVEN

Everyone was so quick to give Sid Vicious the nickname "Psycho" Sid, but if you're looking for the real psycho in wrestling today, look no further than ECW's Raven. Here are just a few of the "psycho" things he has done in the last few months:

He busted Tommy Dreamer open with handcuffs after handcuffing him to the ring ropes; he DDT'd Luna Vachon not once, but three consecutive times on one card; and he grabbed Dreamer by the hand and deliberately broke three of his fingers by bending them back!

I know that all of this happened in ECW, where extreme violence is accepted and sometimes encouraged, but come on! I think if someone like 911 got a hold of Raven and that goofball friend of his, Steve Richards, they would

both change their ways pretty fast.

CHIP BLAND
Pontotoc, MS

THE BARE FACTS?

Something must be done about Shawn Michaels very soon. In fact, I think the WWF should suspend the "Heartbreak Kid" for life. At the second In Your House pay-per-view event, in Nashville in July, Michaels blatantly attacked "Psycho" Sid Vicious just as Sid was about to beat Diesel in a lumberjack match for the World title. It gave Diesel the chance to recover and pin big Sid.

Then, less than 24 hours later, on WWF *Monday Night Raw*, Michaels beat Jimmy Del Ray of The Heavenly Bodies and decided to

celebrate by starting to lower his trunks. He came real close to mooning the crowd! If Vince McMahon truly wants "family entertainment" in the WWF, he should punish Michaels for these infractions. Since Shawn seems to like stripping so much, maybe he should just be stripped of the Intercontinental title.

JOHNNY PLUTO
Pottstown, PA

☎ HAVE PATIENCE, PARKER!

I'm getting very sick of hearing fans who attend WCW cards chanting "KFC! KFC!" every time Col. Robert Parker and one of his men enter the ring for a match. Parker may be a blowhard, but he is a real

good manager. He has a terrific eye for talent, too. But I'm starting to notice a problem with Parker lately. He has no patience. He tries to do too much at once. I think Meng should have won the U.S. title by now, for instance, but it seems like Parker is too busy with other wrestlers like Bunkhouse Buck, Dick Slater, and now Kurasawa to give Meng the kind of guidance he needs.

When one of his men is unsuccessful in his first few attempts to win a title, Parker always seems to get impatient and start looking for more new talent. Too many managers have doomed their own careers by trying to manage too many guys at once. I hope Parker realizes that he is making this mistake before it's too late.

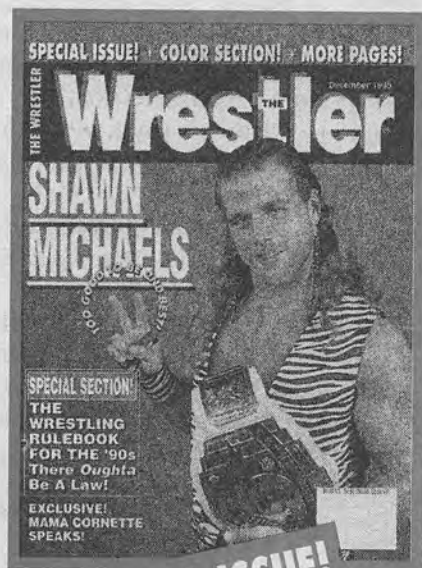
ALEX DANIELS
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Pompous and obnoxious are two words often used to describe Col. Rob Parker. "PWI Hotline" caller Alex Daniels also thinks he's a good manager, but wishes he'd be more patient with his men.

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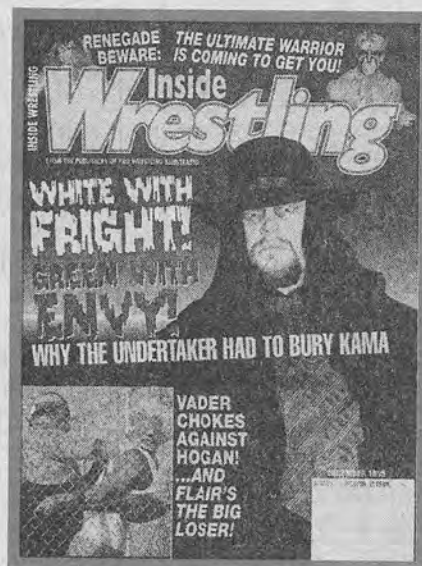
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from the desk of...

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this manager to use his influence to get his wrestler a top-50 spot in the "500." The bribe amounted to the following: a 1992 Trans-Am automobile, a Club Med vacation, and \$2,000 in cash. I didn't need proof. I got an admission of guilt. With, by the way, this statement:

"With what you guys paid me, I couldn't feed my cat the grocery store brand. Hey, I apologize, I'll give back the money."

Well, Ed Emelett, apology not accepted. And I don't care what you do with the money; you no longer work for us anyway!

The person who told me about the bribe was Photo Editor Jason Lavin. "Emelett bragged about it all

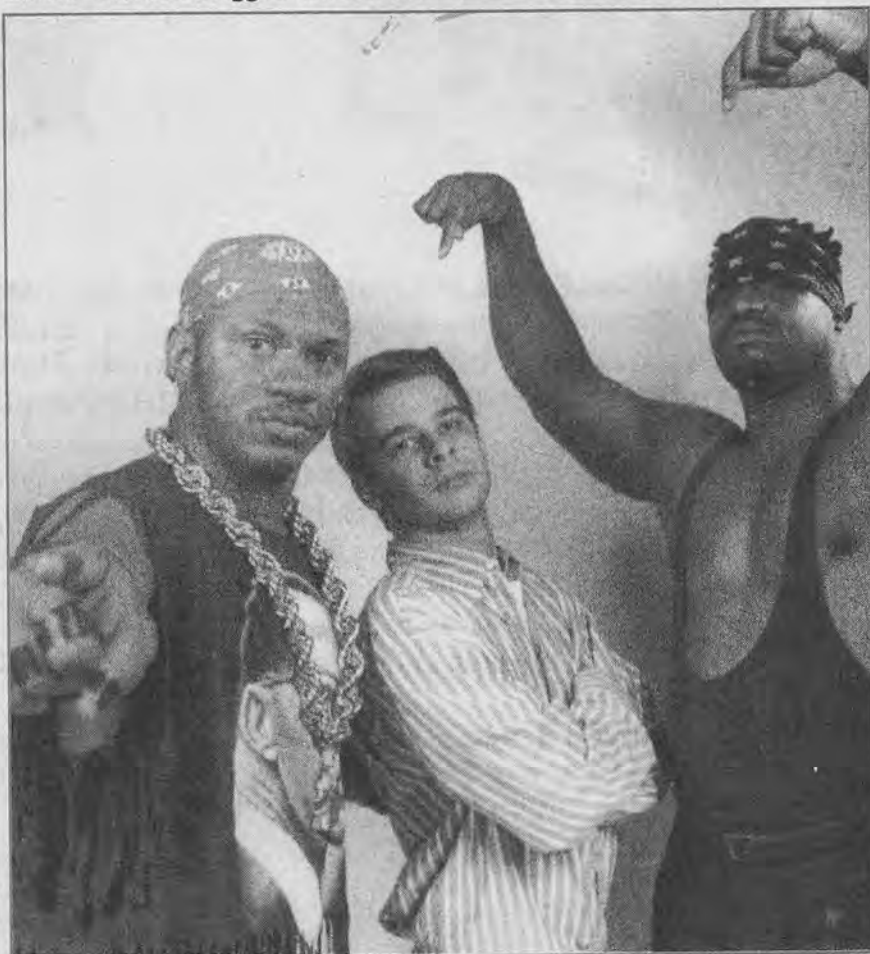
the way to the ECW Arena one night," Jason said. "I was sick to my stomach knowing that I was in the car that was part of the bribe."

"I think he was kinda feeling me out. He hinted that this manager had a backer with deep pockets who would make it worthwhile to any editor who supported their wrestler in the '500' selection."

"I didn't say a word to him the rest of the night. In fact, we haven't spoken since."

Neither has anyone else on the staff of this magazine. Emelett's gone.

Still, the whole incident left me with a very sour taste in my mouth. When the "PWI 500" was first run back in 1991, nobody could have



Was it someone associated with The Gangstas who tried to pay off former Editorial Assistant Ed Emelett? We might never know. But rest assured that no wrestler will be showed favoritism in the "PWI 500."

anticipated how important our annual rankings would become. But as the number-one independently published wrestling magazine in the world, *PWI* is looked upon by the entire wrestling community as a provider of non-biased, honest coverage of every wrestling organization. We do not answer to any wrestling federation and have no hidden agendas. If a wrestler is good, he or she will be written up as such. If a wrestler is bad, well, he or she might not be written up at all.

The "500" was to have been our Top-10 Ratings x 50. Nothing more, nothing less. What it became was an annual event by which the current and future market values of wrestlers were determined by a small group of editors. Careers could be made on a wrestler's placement. I've been told by a few people in the business that the difference between a top-20 placement and a top-10 placement could make a \$100,000 difference in a wrestler's annual earning potential. Quite

frankly, that's more of a responsibility than we bargained for.

Furthermore, when the value of a wrestler's position in the "500" makes it worthwhile for unscrupulous men to offer bribes to editors, I am forced into a position where I have to question co-workers whose character I never had reason to question in the past. Like Ed Emelett.

When I sent a memo to Dave Gerhardt to tell him of my plans to cancel the "PWI 500," he immediately called me to his office. We spoke about the Emelett situation for about two hours. He certainly understood my point of view, but he was not in favor of canceling this and future presentations of the "500."

"For the very reason you want to kill the '500,' that it has become too powerful, we have an obligation to not only continue it, but to place even more emphasis on it," Gerhardt said.

"The 'PWI 500' is looked upon in the wrestling world like the

'Fortune 500' is looked upon in the business world," he continued. "It's been a tremendous success, and I commend everyone involved."

Translation: Gerhardt was not only insisting that we continue the "500," but that we present it in an expanded format. It's a "tremendous success" because, next to the year-end issue, it is our best-selling magazine every year.

His decision was final.

Maybe it's the right decision. We have an obligation to the fans who have supported the "500" in the past and plan to support it in the future. I'm probably being a bit paranoid, based on the Emelett situation. I have known most of the members of our editorial board for years and have no legitimate reason to doubt any of them.

So, enjoy this "PWI 500" and, I hope, many more in years to come. And rest assured that the rankings are influenced only by our collective knowledge and best efforts. □

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about to show itself as he journeys into the Dungeon of Doom," Sullivan said. "The final pieces of my puzzle are nearly in place. We are almost prepared to seal Hulk Hogan's doom!"

"The guy is a raving lunatic!" Savage told me when he heard about Sullivan's plans. "The 'Macho Man' in the Dungeon of Doom? Hell, no! Are you crazy? Me, Hulk, Sting—we're the strongest force in wrestling, and no voodoo-crazed maniac is going to stop us from ruling WCW, ooooooh, yeeeeeeah!"

Capt. Lou Albano reports that while he was originally not planning to commit to being the full-time manager of **Assault and Battery**—Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling tag team champs **Jimmy Deo** and **Maxx Crimson**—he has changed his mind.

"I see in Jimmy Deo and Maxx

Crimson two devoted and talented individuals who I can lead to many titles," Albano explained during a recent training session. "They'll go all the way with the Captain!" ...

Steve Flynn has taken the Southern States heavyweight title from **Mike Samson** ... Power Zone Wrestling Alliance also has a new heavyweight champion, as **Casey Cannon** beat **TNT** in Oklahoma City in August ... **Disco Inferno** has officially signed with WCW and is now calling himself **Johnny Swinger** ... **Scott Norton** is feuding with **Kensuke Sasaki** in Japan ... **Jushin Liger** is back in action after having been out for a long time with a broken ankle.

I just saw **Tommy Rich** team with **Terry Gordy** in Smoky Mountain. What keeps the veterans going? What drives them? Why do they keep doing what they're doing after having already

accomplished so much? I posed these very questions to four veteran grapplers:

Dory Funk Jr.: "It's the thrill of one-on-one competition. I have loved that since the day I started, and that feeling has not diminished at all."

Terry Gordy: "It's proving yourself to yourself over and over again. I know I need that feeling. I need to know that I can still do this and do it well after all these years."

Tommy Rich: "I don't know anything but wrestling. If I gave it up, I'd just shrivel up and die. It's a part of me ... it keeps me going."

Wahoo McDaniel: "Call it ego if you will, but when I wrestle and fans come up to me afterward and tell me what a good job I did and ask for my autograph, well, that's the drive for me."

That's all the news for now. I'll see you at ringside! □



Ever wonder why the Wahoo McDaniels and Dory Funk Jrs. of the world don't just retire already? They, along with other veterans, have some good reasons for continuing to wrestle into their 50s.

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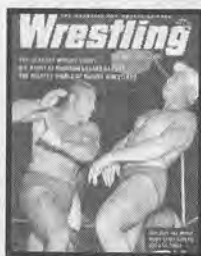
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win, lose, or draw

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reverie. "Die, Dave!" I said and hung up the phone. He knew who it was.)

The question of women in the "PWI 500" has been a bone of contention among the editorial staff, readers, and wrestlers since the inception of the "500" in 1991. Before this year, only one woman, Miss Texas, had worked her way in; she was 493rd in 1993 because of a victory over Jamie Dundee (now known as J.C. Ice of the tag team PG-13). Since then, however, her major claim to fame is making the cover of the August 1995 issue of *PWI*—and what a photo that was!

The point has been made that many female wrestlers, including Alundra Blayze, Luna Vachon, and Bull Nakano, could beat many lower level male wrestlers (and

maybe even some middle-of-the-card grapplers). The one thing that quickly becomes obvious to even johnny-come-lately wrestling fans is that size and strength often can't overcome speed and skill; therefore, some women should be able to beat some men.

But Publisher Stu Saks, who has the final say on these matters, insists that a woman can't be included in the "PWI 500" unless she actually defeats at least one male wrestler who is good enough to make the "500."

"Besides," Stu pointed out, "women aren't included in the men's tennis rankings. Women aren't including in the men's pro golf rankings. Maybe one day we'll do a separate ranking of the top 20 or 30 female wrestlers, but until then, the 'PWI 500' is for men and women who wrestle and beat men, and the group that falls into the latter category is very small."

This year, three women were seriously considered for inclusion in the "PWI 500."

Of course there was Luna, the former top contender to the WWF World Women's title. Vachon, who's now wrestling in ECW, defeated Steve Richards—yes, a ranked man—by submission in a steel cage match on July 15, and has since been teaming with Tommy Dreamer—another ranked man—in title matches against Richards and Raven, the ECW tag team champs.

Luna made it.

Then there was Madd Maxxine, a mainstay in the North Carolina-based Pro Wrestling Federation. Maxxine first made her mark by teaming with Peggy Lee Leather to brutalize Austin Steele during his bout against PWF heavyweight champion Terry Austin. Since then, Maxxine has defeated male wrestlers Tyrone Knox (459th last year), Flaming Youth (347th),



There's no doubt about it: Madd Maxxine is a scary wrestler, as many men in the PWF have found out. The men she has beaten may not be superstars, but her victories have netted her a spot in the "500."

Masked Maniac (328th), and a handful of others.

She made it, too, and I was pleasantly surprised by that decision.

Finally, there was Miss Texas, who has humbled managers Downtown Bruno (Harvey Wippleman) and Brandon Baxter in the USWA this year.

Rejected. Sorry, but neither of those two men is even close to being good enough for the "PWI 500."

Lenker said he wanted to reject Maxxine because "she didn't wrestle against a high enough caliber of opponent." Well, excuse me, Dave, but we're talking about a top 500. Numbers 499 and 500 aren't exactly knocking on Diesel's door.

Maxxine's in the "500," and that's precisely where she deserves to be.

You can tell Miss Texas she didn't make the cut. □

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off the top rope

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When the end finally comes for Hulk Hogan, I'll miss him. I'll miss all the times he showed what a great athlete he was by knocking two guys' heads together. Who else will I be able to pick on?

he ever travel to India? If so, I would love to invite him to my ashram.

STEVE ROSS

Dharmasalama, India

Dear Steve,

According to his spokesman, Sri Raye David Saul, Abdullah practices vinyasa flow, ashtanga, and pranyama for three hours each day, after which he consumes four live chickens, feathers and all. Abdullah's yoga practice is a very private concern, and while he's flattered by your invitation, he would no sooner visit your ashram than he would open a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise in Georgia.

Dear Eddie,

Where's Bret Hart? Who's Mabel? What's up with The Undertaker? Irwin

R. Schyster? Are you kidding? Did the WWF become a Mickey Mouse federation, or what?

JAMES MONROE

London, England

Dear James,

When you offer up cartoon characters, you run the risk of becoming a Mickey Mouse operation. Between Shawn Michaels, Diesel, and Bam Bam Bigelow, the WWF possesses three of the most talented and charismatic wrestlers in the world. But without Hogan, it will always appear a little sickly.

Dear Eddie,

Are you ready to place Diesel among the sport's greats yet? He appears to have the staying power of Bruno Sammartino, the resourceful-

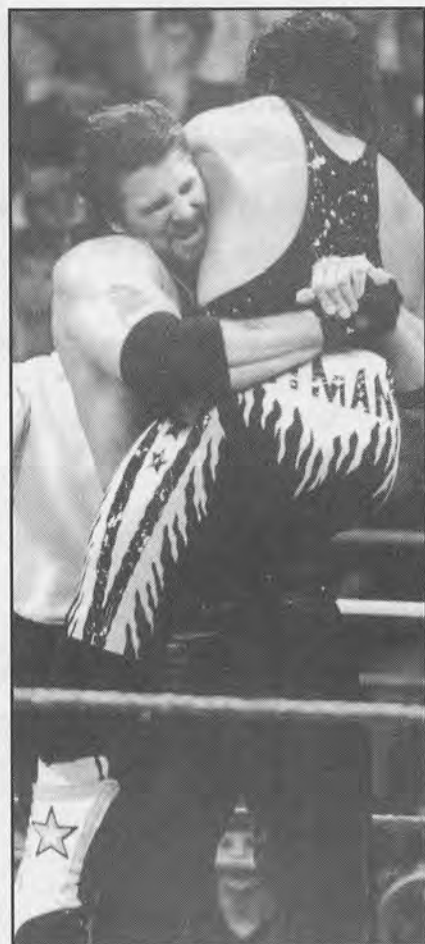
ness of Hulk Hogan, and the intelligence of Ric Flair all rolled into one. He might be around for quite a while, no?

BELINDA MOORE

Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Belinda,

Look no further than the top spot in this year's "PWI 500" for evidence of Diesel's ascendancy. Does he belong there? Yes. Vader's been too inconsistent. Can he stay there? Yes, if—the cliché envelope, please—he stays focused. Diesel's good enough to make a difference, but nowadays it's hard to find an athlete who's not indifferent toward his role in history. □



I'll be honest: I can't argue with the decision to put Diesel atop the "PWI 500." He has had a good year, but a lot of people have had good years. Let's see where he is a few years down the road.

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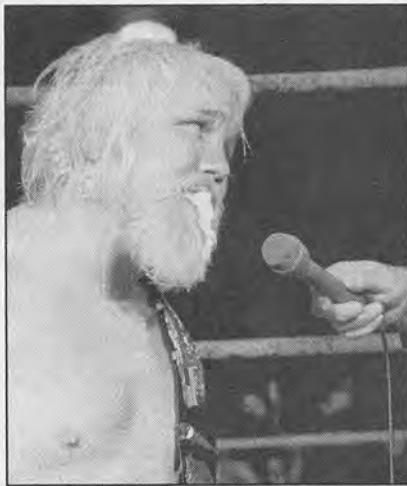
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Moondog Mayne, a very successful wrestler in his time, also had a reputation for being—how shall we put it—an interesting interview subject. Instead of talking about wrestling, he was more intent on proving to interviewers that if he cracked an egg on top of his head, he could make it come out of his mouth. Whatever you say, Moondog. We hope you enjoyed sucking on that egg.



THIS IS NO TIME FOR A PIGGYBACK RIDE

Let's see—do you think Anne Casey was happy with the officiating in her match against Judy Grable back in 1962? We'll take a wild guess and say she wasn't. She had an interesting way of registering her complaint with referee Marvin Jones. Maybe if the shapely Ms. Casey had put as much enthusiasm into wrestling as she had into assaulting innocent referees, she would have had a better win-loss record.



"BOY, I REALLY AM GOOD!"

In addition to being a terrific professional wrestler, Sandor Szabo had an incredible amateur career in Europe. It was so good, in fact, that after a while, he couldn't fit all his trophies and medals into one trophy case. We're not sure where that trophy he held in his hand would fit in the trophy case.



NOT YOUR EVERYDAY FLY-BY-NIGHT WRESTLERS

Karl and Kurt Von Brauner never had to worry about missing flights and no-showing for their matches during their careers. That's because when it was time for them to head off to a faraway city, they just hopped in their own plane and flew themselves. In case you're wondering, once they got the plane going, they did allow manager Saul Weingeroff to get off the wing and step *inside* the vehicle.

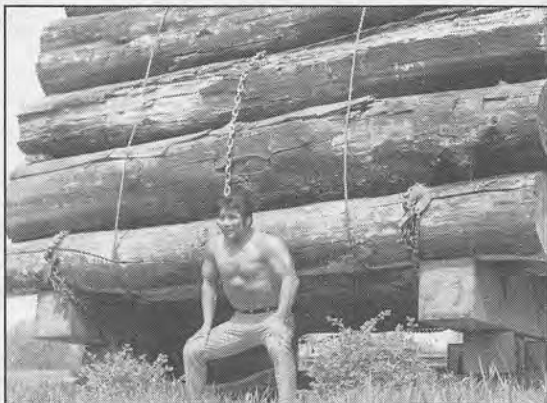
Every other month, *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* will pore through its massive photo collection to bring you some of the most unique photographs the mat world has ever seen!



SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK!

We wonder if Vampire Warrior gets this kind of service from his wife, Luna Vachon, at home. The world certainly was a different place 30 year ago. After a difficult night in the wrestling ring, Tokyo Tom could always put on his silk robe and lie in bed while his wife, Linell, brought him all the food and drink he could ever want.

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND, STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD UP A WHOLE BUNCH OF REALLY BIG LOGS WITH JUST HIS BACK ...



As far as we know, Luis Martinez never had any interest in becoming an actor, but perhaps he could have played Superman at some point. This was a true feat of superhuman strength! Either that or the angle of the shot just made it look that way. You decide.



THE TECHNICAL TERM FOR WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS "KISSING UP"

Boy, it's funny how many wrestlers insisted on getting into the picture when the man in the suit, Wally Karbo, went looking for someone to take a photo of him. From left to right, Reg Parks, Don Leo Jonathan, Blackjack Lanza, Don Lewin, and Doug Gilbert were all smiles when this shot was taken in Montreal in 1966. Could the fact that Karbo was an influential promoter have had anything to do with that? Surely not.



TWO BIKERS NO ONE WOULD EVER THINK ABOUT MESSING WITH!

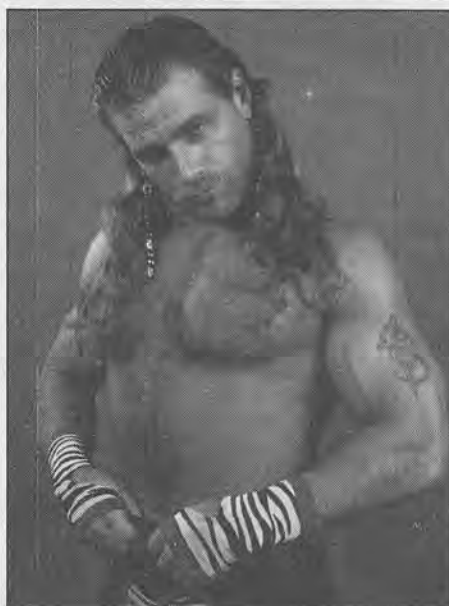
What would you think if you saw twins Benny and Billy McGuire riding down the road on motorcycles? Heck, they'd probably take up most of the road. Come to think of it, what would you think if you saw the McGuires period? They were without question two of the oddest athletes in the history of the sport. How could those bikes even hold up under such incredible girth?!

PRO Wrestling ILLUSTRATED

TOP 10

- 1 DIESEL**
356, Las Vegas, NV
(1) **WWF World champion**
- 2 SHAWN MICHAELS**
234, San Antonio, TX
(4) **WWF Intercontinental champion**
- 3 STING**
260, Venice Beach, CA
(2) **U.S. heavyweight champion**
- 4 RAZOR RAMON**
287, Miami, FL
(5) **No. 2 contender: WWF World title**
- 5 HULK HOGAN**
275, Venice Beach, CA
(7) **WCW World champion**
- 6 THE UNDERTAKER**
328, parts unknown
(-) **No. 3 contender: WWF World title**
- 7 RANDY SAVAGE**
237, Sarasota, FL
(3) **No. 2 contender: WCW World title**
- 8 BRET HART**
234, Calgary, Alberta
(9) **No. 5 contender: WWF World title**
- 9 BRAD ARMSTRONG**
226, Marietta, GA
(-) **Smoky Mountain champion**
- 10 COLD SCORPIO**
222, Denver, CO
(-) **ECW TV champion**

PWI's Top 10



Shawn Michaels

TAG TEAMS

- 1 OWEN HART & YOKOZUNA**
Combined weight: 795 pounds
(1) **WWF World tag team champions**
- 2 THE SMOKIN' GUNNS**
Combined weight: 465 pounds
(-) **No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title**
- 3 BUNKHOUSE BUCK & DICK SLATER**
Combined weight: 464 pounds
(3) **WCW World tag team champions**
- 4 THE NASTY BOYS**
Combined weight: 585 pounds
(9) **No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title**
- 5 RAVEN & STEVE RICHARDS**
Combined weight: 451 pounds
(5) **ECW tag team champions**
- 6 BOBBY EATON & LORD STEVEN REGAL**
Combined weight: 480 pounds
(8) **No. 2 contenders: WCW World tag title**
- 7 HARLEM HEAT**
Combined weight: 550 pounds
(4) **No. 3 contenders: WCW World tag title**
- 8 PG-13**
Combined weight: 471 pounds
(7) **USWA tag team champions**
- 9 THE HEAVENLY BODIES**
Combined weight: 450 pounds
(-) **Smoky Mountain tag team champions**
- 10 ELI & JACOB BLU**
Combined weight: 517 pounds
(10) **No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title**

WCW

World Champion: HULK HOGAN

- (C) 275, Venice Beach, CA
- 1—STING**
(1) 260, Venice Beach, CA
 - 2—RANDY SAVAGE**
(2) 237, Sarasota, FL
 - 3—RIC FLAIR**
(5) 243, Minneapolis, MN
 - 4—BIG VAN VADER**
(4) 450, Denver, CO
 - 5—THE RENEGADE**
(3) 256, parts unknown
 - 6—DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE**
(7) 260, Tampa, FL
 - 7—MENG**
(6) 294, Tonga
 - 8—BRIAN PILLMAN**
(-) 226, Cincinnati, OH
 - 9—HACKSAW DUGGAN**
(10) 280, Glens Falls, NY
 - 10—JOHNNY B. BADD**
(-) 235, Macon, GA

WWF

World Champion: DIESEL

- (C) 356, Las Vegas, NV
- 1—SHAWN MICHAELS**
(1) 234, San Antonio, TX
 - 2—RAZOR RAMON**
(3) 287, Miami, FL
 - 3—THE UNDERTAKER**
(8) 328, parts unknown
 - 4—MABEL**
(7) 503, Harlem, NY
 - 5—BRET HART**
(2) 234, Calgary, Alberta
 - 6—HAKUSHI**
(-) 231, Tokyo, Japan
 - 7—HUNTER HEARST HELMSLEY**
(-) 279, Greenwich, CT
 - 8—DAVEY BOY SMITH**
(-) 245, Leeds, England
 - 9—KAMA**
(-) 335, Las Vegas, NV
 - 10—BARRY HOROWITZ**
(-) 246, Brooklyn, NY

USWA

USWA Champion: JERRY LAWLER

- (C) 234, Memphis, TN
- 1—BILLY JACK HAYNES**
(1) 242, Portland, OR
 - 2—TRACEY SMOTHERS**
(4) 227, Atlanta, GA
 - 3—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER**
(7) 230, Memphis, TN
 - 4—BILL DUNDEE**
(6) 219, Melbourne, Australia
 - 5—DOUG GILBERT**
(-) 241, Lexington, TN
 - 6—TOMMY RICH**
(-) 248, Hendersonville, TN
 - 7—STEVEN DUNN**
(3) 240, Tampa, FL
 - 8—AXL ROTTEN**
(5) 302, Philadelphia, PA
 - 9—BRIAN LEE**
(9) 251, Los Angeles, CA
 - 10—GORGEOUS GEORGE III**
(8) 221, Charlotte, NC

ECW

ECW Champion: THE SANDMAN

- (C) 244, Philadelphia, PA
- 1—COLD SCORPIO**
(4) 222, Denver, CO
 - 2—TOMMY DREAMER**
(3) 245, Yonkers, NY
 - 3—MIKEY WHIPWRECK**
(-) 187, New York, NY
 - 4—CACTUS JACK**
(1) 277, Truth or Consequences, NM
 - 5—MARTY JANNETTY**
(6) 230, Columbia, GA
 - 6—HACK MYERS**
(10) 250, Baltimore, MD
 - 7—IAN ROTTEN**
(-) 281, Philadelphia, PA
 - 8—911**
(8) 310, parts unknown
 - 9—RAVEN**
(-) 235, Short Hills, NJ
 - 10—TASMANIAC**
(5) 221, Tasmania

OFFICIAL RATINGS

Top 10 and Tag Team ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and inherent skill of each wrestler or team. These ratings are compiled by the magazine's editorial board. Most Popular and Most Hated ratings are based on nationwide telephone and arena surveys of wrestling fans and on the volume and character of mail that comes to our offices. All other ratings are based on the official current positions of challengers to the top title in each category; certain titleholders receive an automatic spot in the ratings. The number in parentheses indicates a wrestler's position in that category last issue; (-) indicates that the wrestler was not rated in that category last issue, while (C) indicates the wrestler was champion in that category last issue.

MOST POPULAR

- 1 SHAWN MICHAELS**
234, San Antonio, TX
Last issue: No. 1 Most Popular
- 2 HULK HOGAN**
275, Venice Beach, CA
Last issue: No. 2 Most Popular
- 3 DIESEL**
356, Las Vegas, NV
Last issue: No. 3 Most Popular
- 4 STING**
260, Venice Beach, CA
Last issue: No. 4 Most Popular
- 5 BRET HART**
234, Calgary, Alberta
Last issue: No. 5 Most Popular
- 6 BIG VAN VADER**
450, Denver, CO
Last issue: unrated
- 7 RANDY SAVAGE**
237, Sarasota, FL
Last issue: No. 6 Most Popular
- 8 THE UNDERTAKER**
328, parts unknown
Last issue: No. 9 Most Popular
- 9 BAM BAM BIGELOW**
368, Mt. Laurel, NJ
Last issue: unrated
- 10 RAZOR RAMON**
287, Miami, FL
Last issue: No. 7 Most Popular

MOST HATED

- 1 MABEL**
503, Harlem, NY
Last issue: No. 1 Most Hated
- 2 DAVEY BOY SMITH**
245, Leeds, England
Last issue: unrated
- 3 RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
Last issue: No. 6 Most Hated
- 4 SID VICIOUS**
318, West Memphis, AR
Last issue: No. 4 Most Hated
- 5 KEVIN SULLIVAN**
252, Boston, MA
Last issue: No. 2 Most Hated
- 6 JERRY LAWLER**
234, Memphis, TN
Last issue: No. 5 Most Hated
- 7 KAMA**
335, Las Vegas, NV
Last issue: No. 8 Most Hated
- 8 OWEN HART**
227, Calgary, Alberta
Last issue: No. 7 Most Hated
- 9 MENG**
294, Tonga
Last issue: unrated
- 10 BOB BACKLUND**
234, Princeton, MN
Last issue: No. 3 Most Hated

SMOKY MOUNTAIN

Smoky Mountain Champion:
BRAD ARMSTRONG
(C) 226, Marietta, GA

- 1-BUDDY LANDELL**
(1) 236, Los Angeles, CA
- 2-ROBERT GIBSON**
(-) 225, Pensacola, FL
- 3-TRACEY SMOTHERS**
(4) 227, Atlanta, GA
- 4-TONY ANTHONY**
(8) 235, Bucksnort, TN
- 5-PUNISHER**
(10) 260, Parts Unknown
- 6-TOMMY RICH**
(3) 248, Hendersonville, TN
- 7-TERRY GORDY**
(6) 289, Chattanooga, TN
- 8-BRIAN ARMSTRONG**
(-) 240, Marietta, GA
- 9-BRIAN LEE**
(-) 251, Los Angeles, CA
- 10-BOO BRADLEY**
(2) 310, parts unknown

INTERNATIONAL

Triple Crown Champion:
MITSU HARU MISAWA
(C) 247, Saitama, Japan

- 1-TOSHI AKI KAWADA**
(9) 245, Tizhigi, Japan
- 2-KOJI KANEMOTO**
(4) 258, Tokyo, Japan
- 3-THE GREAT MUTA**
(2) 245, Tokyo, Japan
- 4-ANTONIO INOKI**
(1) 240, Tokyo, Japan
- 5-REY MYSTERIO JR.**
(-) 140, San Diego, CA
- 6-PERRO AGUAYO**
(3) 215, Zacatecas, Mexico
- 7-SABU**
(5) 220, Bombay
- 8-HIROSHI HASE**
(7) 225, Tokyo, Japan
- 9-STAN HANSEN**
(6) 322, Borger, TX
- 10-THE PATRIOT**
(8) 251, Columbia, SC

For period ended August 30, 1995

CUMULATIVE RATINGS

These ratings are based on the past 10 issues of this magazine. We have examined our ratings for each of these issues in our Top 10 and Tag Team categories only, and assigned each position a point value: 10 points for a first-place rating, nine for second place, and so on. The point values for all wrestlers in the past 10 issues have been compiled, with a possible maximum of 100 points. Each issue we'll present the top five finishers in each category. While our regular ratings reflect the past month, these cumulative ratings give an indication of wider trends in the sport.

SINGLES

- 1-DIESEL.....90 points**
- 2-STING75 points**
- 3-RAZOR RAMON65 points**
- 4-HULK HOGAN62 points**
- 5-BIG VAN VADER37 points**

TAG TEAMS

- 1-HARLEM HEAT78 points**
- 2-THE NASTY BOYS67 points**
- 3-OWEN HART & YOKOZUNA59 points**
- 4-THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS42 points**
- 5-THE SMOKIN' GUNNS41 points**

AAA: AAA Champion—Perro Aguayo; 1—Konnan; 2—Octagon; 3—Cien Caras; 4—El Hijo Del Santo; 5—Rey Mysterio Jr.; 6—Winners; 7—La Parka; 8—Pscosis; 9—Blue Panther; 10—Eddy Guerrero.

ACW: ACW Champion—T. Rantula; 1—Tito Santana; 2—Rick Martel; 3—Glenn Osbourne; 4—Johnny Gunn; 5—Tommy Dreamer; 6—Ron Simmons; 7—Cactus Jack; 8—Johnny Graham; 9—Lord Zoltan; 10—2 Cold Scorpio.

IWCCW: IWCCW Champion—Greg Valentine; 1—Scott Putski; 2—Joe Savoldi; 3—Rick Martel; 4—Tito Santana; 5—Tony Atlas; 6—Johnny Gunn; 7—Osamu Nishimura; 8—Metal Maniac; 9—Koko B. Ware; 10—Bastion Booger.

MTW: MTW Champion—Al Snow; 1—Marty Jannetty; 2—Bruiser Bedlam; 3—Sean Casey; 4—Ray Roberts; 5—Chris Carter; 6—Bastion Booger; 7—Dan Severn; 8—J.T. Lightning; 9—Rock Stevens; 10—Machine Gun Kelly.

PWA: PWA Champion—The Hater; 1—Charlie Norris; 2—Jesse Hennig; 3—Punisher; 4—Randy Gusto; 5—Jerry Lynn; 6—Horace the Lunatic; 7—Dan Jester; 8—Blake Beverly; 9—Derrick Dukes; 10—Tommy Ferrara.

PWF: PWF Champion—Star Ryder; 1—Russian Assassin II; 2—Italian Stallion; 3—Southern Rocker; 4—Madd Maxxine; 5—Tyrone Knox; 6—George South; 7—Terry Austin; 8—Flaming Youth; 9—Austin Steele; 10—Cruel Connection II.

WWA: WWA Champion—Chris Evans; 1—Jim McPherson; 2—Ed Atlas; 3—Frank Finnegan; 4—John Rotten; 5—Jimmy Snuka; 6—Metal Maniac; 7—Gino Caruso; 8—Stryker; 9—Gus the Greek; 10—Akita Kaos.

WWWA: WWWA Champion—Brutus Beefcake; 1—Glenn Osbourne; 2—Rick Martel; 3—Jim Neidhart; 4—Harley Lewis; 5—Bobby Piper; 6—Derrick Domino; 7—The Zombie; 8—Mr. Motion; 9—Mad Russian; 10—Jack Hammer.

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating over 200 wrestlers in 19 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Back from the dead! All in all, 1995 has not been the best of years for **The Heavenly Bodies**. For the first half of



The Heavenly Bodies

The Gangstas. They gave **Mustafa Saed** and **New Jack** a rough time of it, but had a hard time defeating them.

This was all happening less than two years after **Jimmy Del Ray** and **Tom Prichard** had taken then-WWF World tag team champions **Rick** and **Scott Steiner**—one of the best tag teams in history—to the limit in a thrilling match at SummerSlam '93 and in numerous rematches.

The Bodies' long slump came to an end in late-July, when they defeated **Assault and Battery**—"Maniac" **Jimmy Deo** and **Maxx Crimson**—for the Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling tag team title. Okay, so it wasn't the WWF or WCW tag title, and the Bodies lost the PCW belts back to Deo and Crimson a day later, but that victory might have been just what they needed to boost their confidence.

Less than two weeks later, Del Ray and Prichard were both Smoky Mountain and USWA tag team champions at the same time. They defeated **Tony Anthony** and **Tracey Smothers** for the SMW belts on August 4 and beat **PG-13** for the USWA straps three nights later.

We'll see if these victories will boost the Bodies' WWF career, but for now, they have to be considered one of the best 10 teams in the world. And we're glad to have them back in our tag team ratings. We just wish they'd try wrestling as full-time fan favorites for a while. We think they could do just fine without breaking rules and feel the fans would quickly warm up to them because of their incredible athletic ability.

Roadie/"Double-J" update ... What a difference a few

weeks made for **Jeff Jarrett** and **The Roadie**. At the beginning of July, "Double-J" was Intercontinental champ



Jeff Jarrett

and rated by this magazine as one of the top 10 wrestlers in the world. The Roadie, too, had cracked our WWF top 10 by virtue of some impressive victories over **The Kid**. He looked like he was on the verge of making a run at one of the titles in the WWF.

Now both are out of the WWF completely, having quit the federation after WWF In Your House, the pay-per-view

on which "Double-J" lost the I-C belt to **Shawn Michaels**. Both cited creative differences with the WWF as their reasons for leaving. Sources have told us, however, that it is possible that both will work out their problems with the federation and return within the next few months.

For now, though, Jarrett is taking a break from the sport and is thus not rated in any category, while Roadie has moved to SMW, where he has already cracked the top 10 under his given name, **Brian Armstrong**.

Razor going bad? Just before press time, we received word that **Razor Ramon** would be getting a title shot against Intercontinental champion Michaels. When asked about the match, Razor said he didn't care if fans cheered him or booed him. We wouldn't be surprised at all if this were the first step in Ramon's plan to become a rulebreaker again. We know he has suffered some disappointing losses lately and has been seen arguing with **Savio Vega**, his friend and frequent tag team partner.

We think such a move would be bad for the "Bad Guy's" career. Remember, he never won a single title in the WWF in a stint as a rulebreaker, but has captured the I-C belt three times as a fan favorite. We hope we don't have to transfer his name from the Most Popular list to the Most Hated list.

Gotta go! If you have any comments or questions relating to any of the issues we've raised here or anything pertaining to our ratings in general, we'd like to know. Write to: "Ratings Analysis," c/o PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. □

TAKE US ON!



#1: Big Ben



#2: Ace Stevens



#3: Jaeger van Dorn



#4: Bodybag Jones



#5: Wildfire Johnny Rage



#6: Eric Darkstrom



#7: Nook the Secret Weapon



#8: Derek Craven



#9: El Diablo Sanchez



#10: Tygar Singh

Hurry! Create your own imaginary wrestler and have him face off against any of these IWA veterans—there's no waiting and

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WEAR-DOWN HOLDS

1. AIRPLANE SPIN
2. ARMBAR
3. ARMDRAG
4. ARMLOCK
5. ARM STRETCH
6. ARM WHIP
7. ASIAN SPIKE
8. BEAR HUG
9. BITING
10. BODY SLAM
11. BODY TACKLE
12. CHICKEN WING
13. CHOKE
14. CLAW
15. CLOTHESLINE
16. CROSS BODY BLOCK
17. DOUBLE AXEHANDLE
18. DROP KICK
19. EAGLE SPLIT
20. ELBOW SMASH
21. EYE GOUGE
22. FACE RAKE
23. FIREMAN'S CARRY RAM
24. FLYING BODY PRESS
25. FLYING CLOTHESLINE
26. FLYING DROP KICK
27. FLYING ELBOW DROP
28. FLYING HEAD BUTT
29. FLYING MARE
30. FOREARM SMASH
31. FOREIGN OBJECT
32. FULL NELSON
33. GIANT SWING
34. GRAPEVINE
35. HAIR PULLING
36. HAMMERLOCK
37. HEAD LOCK
38. HEAD STOMP
39. HEART PUNCH
40. HIP ROLL
41. IRISH WHIP
42. KNEE DROP
43. LEGLOCK
44. MANAGER INTERFERENCE
45. MONKEY FLIP
46. OVERHEAD TOSS
47. POLE RAM
48. REVERSE CHINLOCK
49. ROLLING SCISSIONS
50. ROPE BURN
51. SAVATE KICK
52. SCISSIONS GRIP
53. SHOULDER BREAKER
54. SLINGSHOT
55. SNAP MARE
56. STEP-OVER TOE HOLD
57. SUPLEX
58. SURFBOARD
59. TURNBUCKLE SMASH
60. WRISTLOCK

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SET-UP HOLDS

61. ABDOMINAL STRETCH
62. ATOMIC DROP
63. AVALANCHE
64. BACKBREAKER
65. BACKROLL PRESS
66. BELLY TO BELLY
67. BIG SPLASH
68. BOSTON CRAB
69. BRAIN BUSTER
70. BULLDOG
71. CAMEL CLUTCH
72. COBRA CLUTCH
73. CRADLE
74. CRUCIFIX
75. DDT
76. FIGURE FOUR
77. FLYING LEG DROP
78. GOURD BUSTER
79. INDIAN DEATH LOCK
80. NECKBREAKER
81. PILEDRIVER
82. POWER BOMB
83. POWER SLAM
84. RUSSIAN SICKLE
85. SLEEPER
86. SLINGSHOT SUPLEX
87. SMALL PACKAGE
88. SPINE BUSTER
89. SUNSET FLIP
90. SUPERPLEX

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

WRESTLER'S NAME (NO ACTUAL PRO WRESTLER NAMES, PLEASE) _____

WRESTLER'S HEIGHT _____

WRESTLER'S WEIGHT _____

SPECIAL GIMMICK OR DESCRIPTION OF WRESTLER _____

MANAGER'S NAME (IF NOT YOU) _____

Wear-Down Holds: Choose 10 from the list of 60 shown at left. List them in the order to be used. Use each hold only once

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____

Set-Up Holds: Choose 5 from the list of 30 shown at right. List them in the order to be used. Use each hold only once

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Finishing Hold: Create your custom final maneuver or choose a hold from the 90 shown. Limit the length to 20 letters and spaces

FINISHING HOLD _____

Opponents: Check the numbers of the men you want your wrestler to go against from the 10 at the top. Remember to enclose \$1⁰⁰ for each.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____

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MICHAELS, JANNETTY HAVE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WWF I-C Champ Receives Stern Warning

BY BILL APTER

KNOXVILLE, TN—Former tag team partners and heated rivals Shawn Michaels and Marty Jannetty weren't reliving old times when they talked for a few minutes after an SMW card on August 4. Both described their informal and unplanned meeting as friendly, though Jannetty indicated he hasn't forgotten the bad things his former tag team partner has done to him.

The impromptu conference began as Michaels was conversing with SMW broadcaster Les Thatcher. Jannetty, who was dressing in the same locker room, decided it was a good time to reacquaint himself with Shawn.

"I figured I'd give him a piece of my mind," said

Jannetty, who lost his Midwest Territorial Wrestling heavyweight title to Al Snow on the card. "I told him I wasn't bitter about stuff that happened between us in the past. I also told him to remember he wasn't unbeatable, that I beat him for the Intercontinental belt before, and that I could do it again. I told him to watch out. He might see me in the ring again real soon! I hope he took me seriously, because I wasn't kidding around. Our days of teaming might be over, but it doesn't mean he has seen the last of me."

"I wish him luck," said Michaels, who defended his Intercontinental belt against Buddy Landell on the card. "But as for beating the 'Heartbreak Kid,' he can try, but he's dreaming if he thinks it'll happen in this lifetime."



Shawn Michaels and Marty Jannetty (with Les Thatcher) weren't exchanging pleasantries when they spoke after an SMW card. Jannetty told Shawn to watch out.

Landell, Cornette To Split?

By BRANDI MANKIEWICZ

BARBOURVILLE, KY—Jim Cornette probably wouldn't be a very effective manager if he weren't obnoxious and aggressive, and his wrestlers probably wouldn't have won as many titles as they have over the years if he weren't quick to stick his prized tennis racket where it doesn't belong. Sometimes, however, some of his proteges think he goes too far.

The latest man to complain about Cornette is Buddy Landell, currently a valuable member of Cornette's Militia in SMW.

Landell recently went public with his complaints, telling everyone that he is sick of Cornette shouting instructions at him from ringside during his matches. He said he also wished Cornette wouldn't be so quick to interfere in his bouts.

"I've been around long enough to watch my own back," he said. "I appreciate his help, but he tries to be the star of the show too much!"

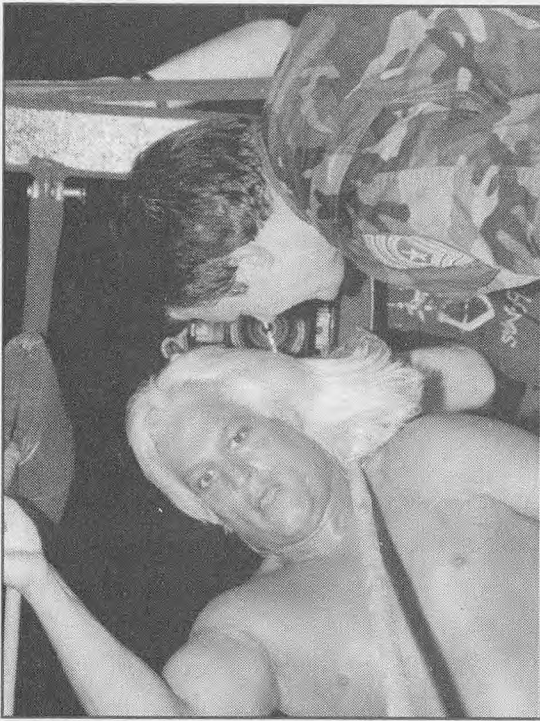
Cactus Back To Rulebreaking In Extreme Championship Wrestling

By LIZ HUNTER

PHILADELPHIA—In months past, all Cactus Jack had to do was walk into ECW Arena and he would be greeted by a standing ovation. That kind of adoration must not have meant much to him, because he recently turned rulebreaker in dramatic fashion.

While wrestling in an eight-man tag team match with partners Tommy Dreamer and The Pit Bulls against Raven, Steve Richards, and Dudley and Snot Dudley, Jack stunned the crowd by DDT'ing Dreamer and letting Raven pin him. Afterward, he was full of praise for his new friends.

"Tommy Dreamer just ain't tough enough to live in Cactus Jack's world," he spat. "He's like a little boy trying to live in a man's world. I tried to mold him into a tough man, but it didn't work. He ain't never experienced pain Cactus Jack style, but he will. Let all his fans cheer for him all they want. It won't help him against a lunatic like me!"



Buddy Landell is listening to Jim Cornette's advice for now, but he says he is getting tired of his manager constantly meddling in his matches.

Parker Hires Security To Stop Sherri Martel's Alleged Harrassment

By DAVE ROSENBAUM

ATLANTA—When Col. Robert Parker tried to embarrass Sherri Martel by kissing her during an interview segment at The Great American Bash in June, he had no idea what kind of bizarre trouble he was getting himself into. After doing everything in her power to resist the Colonel's advances for weeks, Sherri is now apparently madly in love with him.

She hit her head on the mat during a six-man match at Clash of the Champions in June and has apparently suffered partial amnesia. As a result, she is obsessed with her rival manager. During one televised bout between Parker's Bunkhouse Buck and Dick Slater and Alex Wright and Marcus Bagwell, Sherri chased Parker into the ring and tried to rip his clothes off.

"That little filly is plum crazy," Parker said. "She started calling my home at all hours, sending me presents, even snooping around my property. I had to hire a dozen security guards to keep her away from me!"

Sherri refused comment on the situation.

AROUND THE GLOBE

VERDUN, QUEBEC

A familiar name is back: Jacques Rougeau Jr. is now promoting cards all over Quebec. He occasionally competes on those cards, too, though that doesn't mean he receives favorable treatment from officials. Rougeau lost an arm-wrestling match to Lianne DuFresne recently after The Doormen distracted him. Oddly enough, even though Rougeau was promoting the show, The Doormen weren't fined.

TOKYO, JAPAN

Things continue to go well for All-Japan Triple Crown champion Mitsuharu Misawa. Misawa pinned former champ Toshiaki Kawada in a thrilling match in August and was scheduled to defend against Akira Taue in September. A man he might want to keep an eye on for, though, is The Patriot. The former WCW star nearly upended Taue in a round-robin tournament and is seeking a title shot.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

After struggling for years in the WWF as well as on the independent circuit, Virgil was probably due for a break, right? You'd think maybe he'd catch one when he and other North American stars such as John Rambo and Rod Price went on a European tour. Turns out Virgil was just as unlucky in that wrestling hotbed of Austria. He was pinned by CWA mid-division champ Franz Schumann.

HOT SHOT

Abdullah the Butcher must have thought it was crucial for Terry Funk to read that handwritten sign on the press table during a recent independent card. Perhaps the rugged Texan forgot his contact lenses and Abdullah figured he'd help him get an up-close view of the sign. Either that or the Butcher was just furious that Funk had beaten him in an extremely violent and bloody steel cage match.

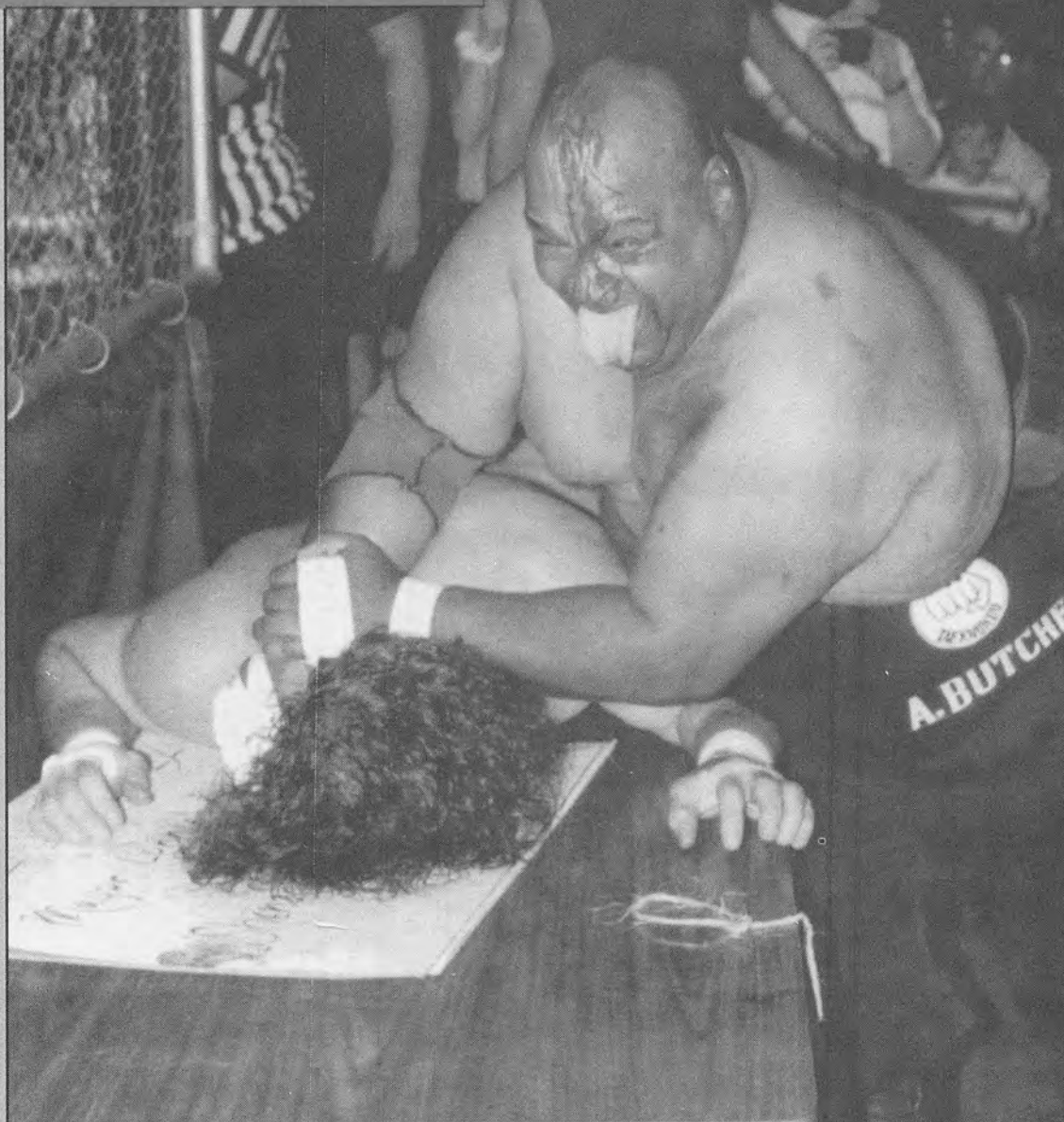


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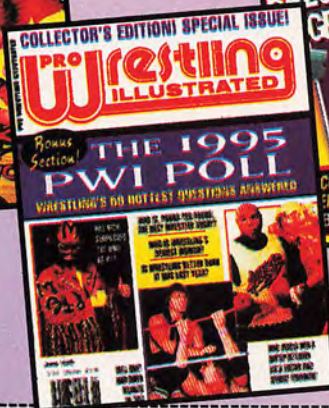
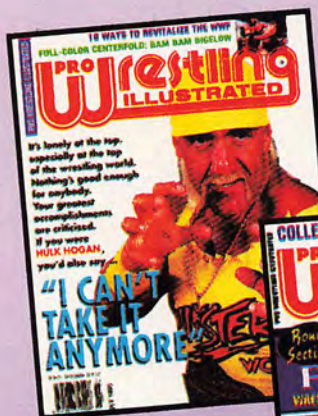
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